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BRIEF VISIT: French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing left here Monday after reviewing world developments with King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd. He is seen here chatting with the king (left) and (right) escorted by Prince Fahd to the plane.

Talks stress Arab rights, bilateral ties

By Muhammad Al Shihani

RIYADH, March 10 — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's brief visit here Monday ended with a concise statement in which he stressed strong bilateral relations, common interests and the rights of the people of Palestine.

The French president arrived here at noon and was welcomed at the airport by Crown Prince Fahd, who later accompanied him during his courtesy call on King Khalid.

After a working lunch, Prince Fahd and the French leader held a closed-door meeting for one and a half hours. At the same time a meeting was held separately between Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Jean François Poisson, foreign ministers of the two countries.

The talks primarily dealt with the French resolve on a positive initiative to settle the Palestine issue through its recognition of the rights of the people of Palestine and perhaps of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in the near future.

President Giscard put forward his concept of the issue and the outcome of his discussions on the subject with the leaders of the states he has just visited.

According to a diplomat, the French president is trying to muster support for his step from the Gulf states and Jordan, and he views Saudi Arabia as key to the issue. His inclusion of Jordan will, no doubt, determine the extent of success or failure of the efforts which are still in the process of diplomatic consultations.

Another French diplomat said his country did not establish any contact with the PLO on the French president's new initiative, but he said Saudi Arabia was free to convey the French views to Palestinian leaders.

Meanwhile, Prince Saud welcomed French recognition of Palestinian rights. He described it as "constructive and very good" and added that Saudi Arabia appreciated France's sympathetic and constructive stance on the just issue of Palestine.

Their talks dealt with Saudi-French relations, their development in political and oil spheres and joint cooperation in different fields. The two sides expressed satisfaction with these relations and said they were keen to develop them further.

The sources did not rule out that the talks might have also covered the Kingdom's desire to obtain a nuclear reactor for peaceful purposes. Saudi Arabian ambassador to France Jamil Hejlan said the subject had been discussed earlier. The two sides are still interested and it will be difficult to say that they have given up the project.

President Giscard is reported to have explained to Saudi officials the reasons for his government abstaining from denouncing the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Observers, meanwhile, view that the French leader is trying to create a strong position for his country in the region through his new initiative.

Jordan and France said earlier Monday intensive efforts should be made to hold Middle East peace talks in which all parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), take part.

A joint statement following Giscard's talks in Amman with King Hussein said the two leaders agreed that the "delicate and serious situation in the region threatens world peace and security."

"This makes it necessary and important that a comprehensive and just settlement for the Middle East conflict be reached," it added.

"Seeking a peaceful settlement that will insure the legitimate rights and aspirations of all sides is now more necessary than ever," the statement said.

It went on to say that the international community was now aware that "any settlement should be based on the U.N. charter and Security Council resolutions, namely: 'Israel's full withdrawal from all territories occupied in 1967, recognizing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to a homeland on Palestinian soil, and all countries in the region enjoying the right to live in peace within secure, recognized and guaranteed boundaries.'"

The statement said the Palestinian people should be able to "exercise their right to self-determination within the framework of a peaceful, just and permanent settlement."

The two leaders expressed concern over the situation in Lebanon and reaffirmed their support for Lebanon's sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence.

They also expressed concern over the situation in Afghanistan and stressed their "rejection of all foreign intervention likely to harm world peace and security."

Both leaders said they were convinced that Euro-Arab dialogue provided the proper atmosphere to meet the interests of the European community and the Arab states.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat praised Giscard for showing courage through his endorsement of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

But in a television interview in Beirut screened in France, the leader of the PLO attacked President Jimmy Carter for damaging the credibility of both the United States and the United Nations in his handling of the recent Security Council vote on the Middle East.

Commenting on the French president's statements on the Palestinian issue during his tour of Arab states, Arafat said: "This was a brave step to declare acceptance of our right to self-determination. I hope it will be followed by recognition of our independence and of the PLO."

The PLO chief described the French president's statement as a new element because it was the first time the leader of a major Western country has spoken of PLO participation in negotiations on a peace settlement.

Arafat said Palestinians would be unable to forget what happened at the U.N. Security Council when the White House said the U.S. (Continued on page 3)

King receives ulema

RIYADH March 10 (SPA) — King Khalid Monday received the Ulema and tribal chiefs as is customary every Monday.

Says Chinese premier

Neutrality impossible until Soviets go

PEKING, March 10 (AP) — Chinese Vice Premier Li Xianmin said Monday Afghanistan cannot become neutral until Soviet troops withdraw "with no conditions attached," until the Afghan people choose their own government and the people of the world support their struggle.

Li also said he knows the United States did not interfere in Afghanistan's affairs, as the Soviet Union has charged.

The vice premier made the comments in an hour-long meeting with Gov. Richard L. Thornburgh of Pennsylvania, U.S. Ambassador Leonard Woodcock was present. A member of the governor's delegation later reported their conversation.

Li said some Islamic countries have said Afghanistan can enjoy neutrality if there is no interference from foreign countries.

"I think this is a step back from the resolution signed by the United Nations," he said.

"In my opinion," said Li, "The Soviet Union should withdraw from Afghanistan with no conditions attached. Second, the Afghan people should be able to choose their own government and third, the people of the world should support the Afghan people's struggle."

"I agree the precondition of withdrawal should come before any political solution," Woodcock said in answer to a question from Li. He also said he agreed the Afghan people should determine their own government.

Woodcock reportedly reserved comment, however, on the people of the world supporting the Afghan people fighting the Soviet Union.

The Chinese People's Daily said Monday the Soviet Union's use of nerve gas in Afghanistan shows the world that "the rulers in Moscow are a bunch of merciless hangers-on."

Soviet troops are using nerve gas to kill Muslims and inhabitants of Afghanistan's Khar region, said the newspaper, voice of the party central committee.

"This shows the Soviet rulers are becoming more and more ruthless in their aggression and expansion," it said in a commentary. China also reported the Soviet Union has nearly 100,000 chemical warfare specialists and an enormous arsenal. Nearly a third of all Soviet rockets and missiles are equipped with chemical warheads, it said.

"To test and improve its lethal weapons," the newspaper said, the Soviets are deploying them against thousands of innocent people "in disregard of the Geneva agreement prohibiting use of poison gases."

The newspaper said, "The use of poison gas can in no way help the aggressor. On the contrary it can only show to the world more clearly that the rulers in Moscow are a bunch of merciless hangers-on."

Meanwhile, an American carpet dealer, Charles Brockunier, has vanished in Kabul and U.S. diplomats in India believe he has been arrested.

There has been no confirmation of the arrest from the Afghan government.

Another American was arrested in Kabul last month at the time of big anti-Soviet demonstrations in the capital. The Afghan government named him as Robert Lee, called him a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) spy, and said he would be tried for sabotage.

A U.S. businessman who arrived in New Delhi from Kabul said Brockunier had made visits there for a number of years.

"He has just disappeared. Nobody seems to know what's happened to him," the businessman said.

In New York, an Afghan envoy who defected says the European Common Market should consult the Afghan people before seeking guaranteed neutrality for the country in exchange for a Soviet troop withdrawal, *Newsweek* reported.

The envoy, Abdulrahman Ghafoorzai, was sent to the United Nations three weeks ago to defend Soviet intervention in his country. He attacked the Kremlin action and defected.

Newsweek quoted him as saying "no measure should be imposed upon the Afghan people. The proposal to declare Afghanistan a neutral state must be discussed with the people and their views taken into account."

He suggested that the six insurgent parties based in Pakistan should be consulted on the proposal whenever they succeeded in forming a united front.

He said he believed the Soviet Union was searching for a face saving way on withdrawing its troops because it valued its international standing.

The 33-year-old envoy worked for the previous pro-Soviet Hafizullah Amin government because people "had to work with him to stay alive" and no exit visas were issued.

Ghafoorzai said Soviet advisers ran all the ministries under the pretext of helping Afghanistan fight the threat to their sovereignty.

Connally quits presidential race

ORLANDO, Florida, March 10 (R) — John Connally, former Texas governor and U.S. treasury secretary, has pulled out of the Republican presidential race, leaving Ronald Reagan and George Bush to fight out Tuesday's Florida, Alabama and Georgia state primaries.

Connally withdrew Sunday after running a distant second to one-time California governor Reagan in South Carolina despite an intensive and expensive campaign. He won only 30 per cent of the vote to Reagan's 54 per cent.

Reagan, according to polls and Republican party officials, holds a comfortable but not unshakable lead in the southern primaries.

Former Central Intelligence Agency director George Bush had been doing the gap in Florida, but his 15 per cent showing in South Carolina may have dealt his chances a major setback.

Reagan now has 62 Republican convention delegates of the 998 needed for nomination against Bush's 36. Connally had one and the only other official contender, Representative John Anderson from Illinois, has 19, there are 114 at stake Tuesday.

A fourth possibility, former President Gerald Ford, is widely expected to enter the race unless Bush or Anderson wins in the south or in the Illinois primary on March 18.



Gov. Reagan

Ford has said he believes the ultra-conservative Reagan could not win the presidential election in November.

Both Reagan and Bush scheduled press conferences for Monday morning for a last appeal to Republican voters in the nation's seventh-largest state before flying to Georgia and Alabama.

Anderson is not campaigning in the south.

Democrats also hold their primaries in Florida, Alabama and Georgia Tuesday, but there has been little active campaigning and President Jimmy Carter is expected to win all three.

His challenger, Senator Edward Kennedy, said in a television interview Sunday he was concentrating his efforts on Illinois.

Toy pistol plane hijacker surrenders

BEIRUT, March 10, (Agencies) — A 20-year-old Lebanese man hijacked a Middle East Airlines plane Monday with a toy pistol but gave himself up when the plane landed here.

Airport sources said the Boeing 707 on a flight from Amman to Beirut, carried 53 passengers and eight crew.

The hijacker, Mustafa Abdul-Kader Hammoud, told reporters he wanted to draw attention to the mystery surrounding the fate of Shiite Muslim leader Imam Moussa Sadr, who disappeared after visiting Libya in 1978.

The Libyan authorities have denied responsibility for the Imam's disappearance, saying he left their country after his visit.

Several hijackings have been staged to press for a follow-up to the Imam's case.

On Jan. 31, police at Beirut airport foiled a hijacking attempt by three armed Lebanese about to board an Air France airliner on a flight to Paris.

Only three days before, a 30-year-old southern Lebanese hijacked a Middle East Airlines plane in a flight from Baghdad to Beirut. A teenager in the same month commandeered an MEA airliner shortly after it took off from Beirut for Larnaca, Cyprus.

The plane was hardly air-borne when Hammoud sprang from his seat, brandished his \$1.5 toy pistol and shouted "I'm hijacking this plane," one passenger said.

Hammoud then proceeded to the cockpit, threatened the pilot with the same toy and stood back speechless, prompting uneasy questions by the captain as to what the hijacker was up to.

"I don't know, you can land anywhere, maybe at the nearest airport," Hammoud was quoted as telling the pilot.

Twenty minutes before landing, the pilot radioed Beirut airport control tower that the plane was being hijacked.

The pilot discovered the nature of the toy pistol only after the plane touched down.

Rifle-wielding securitymen quickly ringed the aircraft and officials alerted Interior Minister Nazem Qadri who sped to the airport to negotiate with the hijacker.

But the door of the plane suddenly was opened and there was Hammoud, smiling broadly, shouting "I'm releasing everyone here."

He walked to a police officer, handed him the toy-pistol and laughed.

U.S.-Israeli aircraft plan questionable

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 10 — Israel plans to back out of a plan under study to co-produce fighter aircraft with the United States and will instead opt to develop its own aircraft with U.S. technical help, defense sources reported.

"The co-production plan is dead," a Pentagon spokesman told the *Arab News* — *Ashtarq Al-Awsat* Monday.

Although the Pentagon has not received formal notice of Israel's change of mind, the spokesman said a vote in the Israeli Knesset last week clearly set the tone for Israel's desire to concentrate on developing its own fighter called "the Lion."

The *Arab News* — *Ashtarq Al-Awsat* also has learned that the United States and Israel have already held informal talks on the transfer of technology and the purchase of U.S.-manufactured aircraft engines.

A Pentagon spokesman confirmed Monday that an Israeli delegation is expected here within two weeks to begin formal negotiations on possible transfers and sales.

According to Pentagon sources Israel wants to buy General Electric engine Model 404. This is the same engine used in the U.S. McDonnell Douglas F18, a twin-engine plane with all-weather capability.

The first F18s, designed to replace the F4 Phantom, are now being tested by the U.S. Navy.

Israel's desire to produce its own fighter aircraft, could potentially put Israeli aircraft in direct competition with U.S.-manufactured airplanes on the world market.

And Israel's newest plan for beefing up its stock of fighter aircraft could cause reverberations within the U.S. electronics and aircraft industry, informed sources reported.

An agreement of conditions for any future sales of Israeli-produced airplanes on the world market must first be ironed out before the U.S. agrees to transfer technology or sell any parts, the sources added.

Bomb kills two in north Lebanon

BEIRUT, March 10 (R) — Two persons were killed and two wounded when a bomb went off in a car at a rightist checkpoint in a coastal village north of here Monday, rightist sources said.

Rightist militias maintain a permanent checkpoint at Barba, about 50 kms from the capital, where the blast took place.

The rightwing Flangist radio said the bomb was in a taxi on its way to the northern port city of Tripoli.

The driver and a passenger were killed and a second passenger was wounded. In addition, a militiaman manning the checkpoint was injured.

In Damascus Syrian Army Chief of Staff Maj. General Hikmat Shehadi has had lengthy talks with Lebanese Army Commander Gen. Victor Khouri on the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Beirut.

Gen. Khouri arrived Damascus Saturday by road from the Lebanese capital.

A brief announcement said the talks also covered other matters relating to security in Beirut. They were attended by the Syrian deputy chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Ali Aslan.

Syrian peace-keeping troops, stationed in Lebanon under an Arab League mandate since intervening to help end the 1975-76 civil war, started a planned pull-out from some parts of Christian east Beirut earlier this week, but made no move to evacuate sensitive Muslim areas.

The fledgling Lebanese army took over the positions vacated by the Syrians.

Informed sources in Beirut said that Gen. Khouri would discuss Syrian withdrawal from the predominantly Muslim western sector of the capital during his Damascus talks.

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In Royal dinner d'Estaing honored

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd gave a lunch at Al-Nassereya Palace in honor of French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and his accompanying delegation Monday.

The banquet was attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan and other members of the royal family, cabinet ministers, state officials and other high-ranking officers.

The French peace proposal for the Middle East is to have been a special and important subject of study between King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing during his short visit to Riyadh Monday, the Saudi Arabian ambassador to France, Sheikh Jameel Al-Hujailan said.

Hujailan told *Al Riyadh* newspaper Monday that the proposal will be complete when France declares its recognition of the PLO.

As they say, the French are looking for a just and comprehensive solution to the Middle East problem, including the guarantee of secure and recognized borders to all parties, he said.

Hujailan pointed out to the importance of the French moves which came at a time when the Palestinian cause suffered a severe blow from a leading Arab state. He called on Arab countries to support the proposal which won the support of all European countries.

He denied that the French President's visit was a substitute of a visit by the French Premier, Raymond Barre, and was postponed from Feb. 21 because of King Khaled's health condition.

Hujailan praised the close relations between Saudi Arabia and France. The talks will cover the close cooperation in all fields and especially oil, he added.

Asked if the talks would cover providing Saudi Arabia with a French nuclear reactor, the ambassador said that the issue was under discussion, and it will remain so.

Housing Minister meets French Cooperation Agency

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — Minister of Housing and Public Works Prince Miteb, the acting Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Monday met the chairman of the French Cooperation Agency, Jerom Monne, and his delegation.

They discussed the bilateral relations in housing, and municipal and rural affairs. The meeting was attended by Nizar Kurdi, deputy minister of public works, and Omar Gadi the deputy minister of municipal and rural affairs.

Agriculture ministers meet to discuss joint ventures

MUSCAT, March 10 (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Aziz Al-Sheikh arrived here Sunday leading the Saudi Arabian delegation to the fifth Conference of Ministers of Agriculture and Water of the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula states which opened Monday.

The conference will discuss establishing joint projects among the nations of the region and promoting agricultural cooperation. It was opened by Tuwini bin Shihab, advisor to the ruler of Oman Sultan bin Qabus. He emphasized the necessity of agricultural cooperation among the nations of the area.

Dr. Jalal Ashy leaves for medical conference

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — The assistant general director of protective medicine, Dr. Jalal Ashy, left here Monday for New Delhi to represent Saudi Arabia at a meet-

for urban planning.

Monue arrived in Riyadh for several days visit to the Kingdom on Monday. He was met and officially received by Dr. Nazar Al-Qadi, Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Works and Housing, upon his arrival.

The purpose of Monue's visit is to have talks with the Saudi officials on consolidation of relations between the two countries in the field of housing.



Abdul Rahman

ing organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) to study the virus fever. It opened Monday and continues for four days.



ROYAL GREETING: Muhammad bin Abdul Aziz (left picture) greets his brother King Khaled upon his release from the hospital. (At right) King Khaled meets princes, ministers and friends at the Royal Palace.



By Islamic Organization committee

Arab rule in East Jerusalem examined

RABAT, March 10 (R) — The Islamic Conference Organization's Jerusalem Committee will meet in Marrakesh Tuesday to examine its plans for getting East Jerusalem returned to Arab rule, a spokesman said.

The committee, chaired by King Hassan of Morocco, wants the return of Arab rule to the holy city as part of any settlement of the Palestine issue.

Its members are Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Senegal, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Iran, Guinea and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Earlier, Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta told *Arab News* that King Hassan had intensified contacts with the Vatican, Europe and the United States attempting to outline the dangers arising from Israel's continued occupation of Jerusalem.

Hamra medical analysis laboratory opens

JEDDAH, March 10 (SPA) — Prince Mansour bin Mishal opened Monday the Hamra medical analysis laboratories. Guests



King Hassan

who attended the ceremony inspected the divisions, electronic equipments and met specialists working there.

Bahrain Education Minister arrives in Riyadh

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — The minister of education of Bahrain, Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Muhammad Al-Khalifah, arrived here Monday in a short visit to the Kingdom

as part of his tour of Gulf states. He was received at the airport by Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter the minister of education and officials of his ministry.

Lymphoma society expands membership roster

DAMMAM, March 10 (SPA) — The Lymphoma Society agreed to the participation of a number of specialists from Sudanese, British and Swiss universities in studies of the disease.

It has also approved participation of lymphoma experts from Gulf and Saudi Arabian

universities to present scientific researches at the seminar.

The Lymphoma seminar is organized with joint efforts of the Ministry of Health and King Faisal University of Dammam. It opens March 27 and lasts two days.

Expansion discussed at Tihama meeting

JEDDAH, March 10 — Prince Saud bin Fahd, chairman of the Board of Directors of Tihama Advertising, public Relations and Marketing Research Establishment, presided over a meeting of the shareholders to discuss the 1979 general budget here Monday.

The association approved the budget and the report submitted by the Deputy Chairman and the Director General, in regard to the new year's projects and the proposed expansion of the establishment's activities in the areas of advertising and publicity.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Muhammad Said Tayeb, the director general, stated that the partners and members of the board have expressed satisfaction with the establishment's achievements and progress in the sphere of its activities. They particularly lauded its concentration on providing opportunity for the Saudi youth to train on advertising and publicity assignments.

The society praised Tihama's policy of encouraging local newspapers and magazines to set up circulation centers in principal towns of the Kingdom. It also commended the activity of the publications department in encouraging Saudi publications in different fields of knowledge.

Prince opens book fair

DHAHRAN, March 10 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Muhammad bin Fahd bin Jiluwi dedicated the Second International Book Fair on Monday. The ceremony was held at the central library of the Petroleum and Minerals University of Dhahran.



OFFICIATING: Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman as he opened the one-week seminar on Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhab. The prince also inaugurated a book exhibition.



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Islamic Development Bank Board of Governors meets

JEDDAH, March 10 (SPA) — Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Jolson opens the fourth annual session of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank Tuesday.

The three-day meeting will discuss the bank's achievements last year and its policies during the current year. The Saudi delegation to the conference will be led by Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil.

Within five years, the Bank financed projects worth 759.53 million Islamic Dinars or approximately \$ 943.32 million. The Bank approved financing totalling I.D. 381.68 million (\$ 490.94 million) in 1979.

In 1979, the IOB began financing foreign trade operations for member states, and it granted loans totalling I.D. 445.68 million equivalent to \$ 559.43 million, which constitutes 59 per cent of all IOB financing operations.

IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali said the Bank has recruited highly qualified technical staff from member countries, including economists, finance analysts, industrial and agricultural engineers and others. He said the Bank also has highly qualified legal advisers and accountants.

The Bank uses its whole strength to co-

Youth welfare to be discussed at conference

JEDDAH, March 10 (SPA) — The Islamic Solidarity Fund's standing committee will meet in its 16th session here April 1, under the chairmanship of Dr. Ezzeddin Ibrahim, cultural advisor to the President of the United Arab Emirates and the council president.

The council is slated to discuss topics connected with the fund's activities in the field of Islamic propagation, study circles, youth welfare and assistance to the related organizations in Africa, the Middle East, Australia, Europe and America.

The question of giving aids to some Islamic states and organizations within the context of programs connected with the 15th Islamic century celebrations will also come up for discussion during the council's deliberations.

Meanwhile, Fund's Director Ibrahim bin Ismail has stated that the council will discuss the assessment budget of the fund and scrutinize a report of the experts committee on the project of an Islamic university in Niger. The delegate of Niger will brief the council on the project.

Other subjects included in the council's agenda are a study of an expert committee's report on the project of a teachers' college in Chicago, cooperation with the organizations joining in the setting up of Islamic centers in Africa and the Islamic youth camps in Mali, Bangladesh and America.

Delegations from Saudi Arabia and 12 other Islamic states will take part in the meetings, which will also be attended by Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Saudi Comment

By Sulaiman Al-Ossaini

Al Riyadh

The palm tree is the symbol of our country and holds many meanings. It was our ancestors' only food and shelter from the scorching sun. The tree is now being eliminated from the green fields. One old man said he cried when he saw people uprooting the trees that meant everything to him.

Plants are being imported from far and near, while the palm has been ignored so much that some of our streets are totally deprived of them. The palms have been uprooted and replaced by decoration plants.

Despite this, the palm is still the emblem of our country. It signifies prosperity achieved through security and justice. But some people forget it is our symbol and do not care to beautify streets, airports, government buildings and homes with palms.

Its fruits provided food for those who fought for this country and protected it from threats. Honor this tree for it is dear. Some people don't want to see it eliminated from the country.

According to statistical reports, aliens form nearly 45 per cent of Jeddah's population. We seem to be getting lost in our own country amidst this throng of people. A remedy, therefore, has to be found urgently to stop the import of people from outside. At the same time, we must reconsider the customs and practices of communities, establishments and even individuals who are simply interested in collecting a large retinue of servants from different nationalities.

We must not also lose sight of those who import laborers, engineers and even doctors and then set them free in the street against payment of specific sums. It is high time we revise the manpower import rules, or else we shall be even more lost amidst aliens in our own country.

duct feasibility studies on projects in various member states calling for financing. Or. Ali said. He added that every time the Council of Executive Directors approves a project, the Bank's operations and projects department follows up its implementation.

But, he said in addition to all this the Bank sometimes hires the services of external consultants when it comes to specific projects requiring skills not available at the Bank.

Dr. Ali said that the IDB has financed projects totalling I.D. 382 million (\$ 491 million) covering various fields, including infrastructure, education, roads and ports, and industries such as the cement, oil refining, and others. The Bank often extended assistance for feasibility studies.

In addition, the IDB established strong working relations with various worldwide development institutions such as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the World Health Organization.

It also has a solid relationship with regional organizations like the Asian Development Bank, the African Islamic Development Bank, the Arab Economic and Social Development Fund, and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa. The Bank also maintains relations with national financial institutions such as the Saudi Development Fund, the Kuwait Development Fund, the Abu Dhabi Development Fund, the Iraqi Development Fund, and the Libyan External Bank.

Dr. Ali said the board of governors was attended by ministers of finance and economy of the Bank's 36 member states.

He said he will submit to the conference a detailed report on the Bank's performance and closing accounts for last year. In the light of this report, the governors will issue their directives to the Council of Executive Directors and the Bank's administration to define the policies to be followed in its financing activities.

He added that he will also submit to the board membership applications of four new Islamic countries which would bring the total number of IOB members to 40 states.

He said that all development institutions with which the Bank cooperates have been invited to attend the meeting.

BRIEFS

MECCA, March 10 (SPA) — The Second Conference of Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs Monday congratulated King Khaled on leaving the hospital. The cable expressed the conference delegates pleasure for the King's statement presented at the opening of the conference, and was considered one of its official documents.

DAMMAM, March 10 (SPA) — Three contracts were signed Monday for building mosques in the Eastern Province. The contracts, worth SR2.4 million, call for construction of three mosques in Safear — near Hafir El Batin, Umm Rabe'a and Urairah in Wadi Ajman. Each mosque costs SR801,070. Seif Ibrahim Al-Seif, director general of endowments of the Eastern Province said Monday. Three additional mosques are to be built in Rajiha, near Baqia, Thaqaba and Oammam, he added.

DHAHRAN, March 10 (SPA) — A British trade delegation representing the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and Industry arrived here Monday on a four day visit to the Eastern Province. The delegation will confer with the officials of Oammam Chamber of Commerce and Industry and businessmen in the area.

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — The Saudi Standards Organization issued standard specifications for pressure pipes supported with artificial fibers, and ways of examining their qualities on Monday. The specifications were circulated to concerned parties. The Organization requested companies return their opinions in two months from the date of issue.

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vote against Israel's settlement policy in occupied territories was an error. Palestinians must receive a bad impression of the future of the U.N. if such conduct could be tolerated, he said.

The incident not only damaged U.S. credibility, but also affected that of the U.N. and the Security Council, and this was a dangerous sign, he added.

Arafat was evasive when asked whether the door was now open for him to visit France officially. He said he would not come without an invitation, and the matter was one for the French president.

On the chances of an overall Middle East settlement providing for the security of all states in the area including Israel, he said: "Before speaking of the security for all states, we must speak about the security of the Palestinians."



IN MECCA: The Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs are holding their second conference. The Ministers will preserve King Khaled's opening statement as one of its official documents.

Australian swim coaches to instruct Saudi national team

RIYADH, March 10 — Up to nine Australian Olympic swimming, diving and water polo coaches will come to the Kingdom later this year to train the Saudi national team.

"They're getting the world's best coaches," said Ms. Linda McGill, a former Olympic finalist and Commonwealth Games gold medalist who has been in Riyadh for the last three weeks negotiating the deal.

The coaches for a year will be working for the Presidency of Youth Welfare through the Saudi Swimming Federation. Prince Faisal bin Fahd, President of Youth Welfare has in principle accepted an invitation to visit Australia initially extended by Premier John Bjelk-Petersen of Queensland, McGill's home state.

Negotiations are still underway but so far two of Australia's top coaches have agreed to

Qatif to begin first aid session

OATIF, March 10 (SPA) — The Social Services Center of Qatif will organize a three month session to train women on first aid medical treatment. Twenty ladies will study at the session.

The director of the center, Mansour Al-Hallal, said that the women's division has a six month typing and copying session. Thirty-one girls are being trained in two evening and morning sessions.

Said Al-Hindi, social researcher, said that SR30,000 has been granted to needy families.

Islamic ministers decide to preserve King's speech

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — The Second Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs conference which opened in Mecca Saturday, decided to preserve King Khaled's opening statement as one of documents of the conference. Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments presented the statement on behalf of the King.

Assistant secretary general of the Muslim World League, Sheikh Muhammad Safwat Al-Saqa, said Monday that the Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs praised Saudi Arabia's efforts in adopting Islamic causes and fighting the enemies of Islam. The ministers unanimously decided to suspend Egypt's membership at the conference.

Meanwhile, the Jordanian Minister of Endowments and Islamic Affairs and

head of the Jordanian delegation to the conference, praised King Khaled's statement and described it as "one of the basic documents of the conference."

The official confirmed his country's support for working to liberate Jerusalem and occupied Arab lands.

The head of the Pakistani delegation spoke of his country's experience in applying the Islamic Sharia, and condemned the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan which caused Afghan refugees to flee to Pakistan. Their number will rise to a million, he said. The delegates of Sudan and North Yemen also spoke about the application of Sharia in their countries.

The conference resumed its meetings Monday morning under the deputy chairman, the minister of religious affairs of Somalia.

meters at Munich.

"Australia is very excited and honored by the invitation (to send the coaches)," said McGill who is representing the Australian Union of Swimming Coaches. She trains the

Sino-Arabian group meets in Taipei

TAIPEI, March 10 (CNA) — The Sino-Arabian Cultural and Economic Association has held their annual spring party recently at the Reinsurance Building in downtown Taipei.

Joseph K. Twaanmoh, chairman of the association, presided over the party, which was attended by more than 100 people, including Saudi Charge d'Affaires Mohamed Ali Khogair, Communications Minister Lin Chin-shen, board members and supervisors of the association, and visitors and students from Arabian countries.

Twaanmoh pointed out in his opening remarks at the party that trade, economic, and cultural relations between the Republic of China and Arabian countries have improved considerably in the past few years. He expressed the hope that these ties be further improved.

The participants in the party were entertained by performances staged by students of the National Academy of Arts. The party lasted two and a half hours, complete with a raffle to give away prizes.



CULTURE: A Chinese folk dance is performed at a gathering of the Sino-Arabian cultural and economic association in Taipei. Saudi Arabian Charge d'Affaires Muhammad Ali Khogair attended the event.

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Seas will be calm to light.

Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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Jeddah	34	20
Riyadh	30	15
Dammam	27	15
Medina	31	17
Taif	28	14
Jizan	32	24
Hail	26	05
Turais	23	07
Qaisumah	28	12
Yanbu	32	17
Abha	22	09

'Vital for economy'

Zia firm on nuclear program

LAHORE, Pakistan, March 10 (R) — President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq said Monday Pakistan was determined to continue its nuclear development program for peaceful purposes as it was vital for the nation's economy.

Gen. Zia told a convention of engineers here that Pakistan's conventional energy sources of hydroelectric power, natural gas, and coal were insufficient for its requirements while oil production was meeting hardly 13 per cent of Pakistan's needs.

Pakistan was trying to acquire nuclear technology for development projects of "extreme and vital national importance," he said.

Zia's foreign affairs adviser, Agha Shahi, said on March 5 there was a "suggestion" in a United States offer of \$400 million in economic and military aid. Its acceptance could "affect the pursuit of our nuclear research and development program as long as the aid relationship continued."

Sudan official visits Ethiopia

NAIROBI, March 10 (R) — Sudanese Vice President Abdul-Magid Khalil arrived in the Ethiopian capital Monday for an official visit, Addis Ababa radio reported.

The two neighboring countries, whose relations have suffered as a consequence of the long insurgency in Ethiopia's northern province of Eritrea which has sent hundreds of thousands of refugees into Sudan, have been attempting to improve ties for some months.

Sadat says

Autonomy date must be honored

CAIRO, March 10 (R) — President Anwar Sadat says in an interview with the *Los Angeles Times* reported here that the May target date to conclude Palestinian autonomy talks should be regarded as a deadline.

The official, Middle East News Agency, in an Arabic-language translation of the interview, quoted Sadat as saying "May 26 is not a target date but a deadline which we must take seriously."

Side letters on the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty said both countries had set themselves the goal of completing the negotiations within one year. They made no reference to a deadline.

But Sadat said: "It is a deadline that should be respected. If the date is not fulfilled then a new situation arises."

Delays decision on friendship pact

Mali summit backs Polisario Front

BAMAKO, March 10 (R) — Leaders from six African countries have reaffirmed their support for the Polisario Front fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara.

The six countries, Algeria, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Libya, Sunday endorsed in a communiqué that the Western Saharan people be allowed to exercise their self-determining right to self-determination.

The front has been fighting a four-year guerrilla war against Morocco for independence of the former Spanish colony in north-west Africa.

But after a two-day summit in the Mali capital the six leaders failed to agree on the setting up of a preferential political and economic organization, political sources here said.

The five heads of state and Maj. Abdul-Salam Jalloud representing Libya's Col. Muammar Qaddafi also postponed a decision on a friendship and non-aggression pact between them and asked their foreign ministers to further study the issue and report to the fifth Saharan conference due to be held in two years' time in the Mauritanian capital of Nouakchott.

Pakistan rejected the offer made following the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Several West European countries, the United States and Canada have expressed reservations about Pakistan's nuclear program and have voiced the fear that the Islamabad government was working toward exploding a nuclear device.

Earlier Sunday Zia said Pakistan wanted total security after the Soviet military push into Afghanistan but would remain nonaligned.

He told reporters his government's main objective was to maintain Pakistan's nonaligned status.

"Within the framework of nonalignment we want to buy total security for Pakistan," he said.

It was within this framework that Pakistan would talk to the United States, had talked to the Soviet Union and was trying to improve relations with India, Zia added.

Zia who reiterated in an interview published in West Germany Sunday his idea of a peacekeeping force for Afghanistan, said his government had not been in touch with the government in Kabul since the Islamic foreign ministers conference in January.

The conference called on member countries to sever relations with Afghanistan. The Pakistan ambassador did not return to Kabul after the conference but there has been no formal rupture of relations.

Zia, who rejected a U.S. offer of \$400 million in economic and military aid, said Pakistan had spent \$15 million on Afghan refugees in addition to foreign contributions of \$20 million.



President Zia-ul-Haq

U.S. pastors, PLO sign pact

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 10 — In a major thrust by the American black community, the National Black Pastors' Conference has signed a friendship accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The accord, the latest in a series of links between Arabs and American blacks and on the issue of national rights for the Palestinians, dimmed a recent Middle East swing by 11 black ministers.

At a news conference after their return, the black pastors also denounced the Israeli shelling of South Lebanon and promised to "raise the sensitivity of the nation" regarding the Palestine question.

The black ministers group, which represents some 12,000 American churches and has members of all denominations, also promised to work closely with the Congressional Black Caucus on Middle East issues.

Israeli teachers go on strike

TEL AVIV, March 10 (AP) — All of Israel's one million students stayed home Monday as teachers staged a warning strike to protest a government demand for guaranteed labor peace.

Classes from preschool to high school were closed by the one-day walkout, and Israel's universities also were struck for three days. The university instructors and management are locked in a dispute over additional pay for advanced degrees.

The teachers' strike disappointed the Education Minister Zvulun Hammer and union officials who in months of talks had agreed on an average pay increase of 16 per cent retroactive to the beginning of this school year. Current pay levels are equivalent to \$200 a month for a beginning teacher and \$350 for a 10-year veteran.

The teachers won the pay increases despite a government drive to hold down salaries to fight inflation, which soared to 111 per cent in 1979. But agreement was blocked by a dispute over a government demand that the teachers refrain from submitting disputes to labor courts for the remainder of the school year.

On cooperation, the summit decided to set up five special standing committees to review cooperation in all fields, officials said.

But no details were given as to whether oil-rich countries like Libya and Algeria had pledged financial aid to countries like Mauritania or Mali, both severely hit by drought.

Summing up the summit before the return home of the heads of state Sunday night, Chad President Goukouni Oueddei said heads of state felt a non-aggression treaty between the six countries was felt to be premature at this stage, but he did not elaborate.

The bomb was discovered at a hitchhiking station for soldiers beside the French hill neighborhood. A police bomb squad cordoned off the area while the bomb was dismantled.

Massive search and destroy operation

Russian bombing fails to crush Afghan rebels

By Shyam Bhatia

GHAZNI, Afghanistan, March 10 (OFNS) — Soviet-led forces have launched a massive search and destroy operation along a 150-mile stretch in southern Afghanistan.

Using helicopter gunships, medium-range field artillery and tanks where possible, they have devastated a long stretch of territory between the cities of Ghazni and Kandahar.

I saw Soviet helicopters indiscriminately bombing the mud and straw villages of Ghazni province. Bakshir, south of Ghazni, where I and some other civilians briefly took shelter, was bombed for three hours by helicopters last week.

At the end of it, 30 persons had died, including women and children, and eight others were injured in this village of 50 families. One little girl had half her face blown off by a rocket. Her father died after both his legs were cut off in the bombing.

Helicopter gunships have concentrated on strafing and bombing those villages that either straddle or are close to the main highway from Kabul to Kandahar. Some of these villages, especially from Ghazni onward, have been havens for Afghan guerrillas, or Mujahiddin.

Since Soviet and Afghan government troops have stepped up their attacks, more than four-fifths of the villages between Ghazni and Kandahar have been destroyed or made uninhabitable.

At the small village of Azzakhel, north of Muzkur, the Afghan Army's First Battalion, officered by Russians, has been pounding neighboring areas with 125 mm guns for more than 20 days.

The Soviet pattern of attack against guerrillas seems to be to bomb an area for four or five hours. Next day Afghan ground troops arrive and look for "concealed weapons." They are mostly unsuccessful, as the villagers leave with their belongings for other villages or for sanctuaries in neighboring Pakistan.

This new flexing of Soviet muscles in southern Afghanistan follows repeated Mujahiddin attacks on the main Kabul to Kandahar road.

Since early in February they have attacked and destroyed more than 40 passenger coaches and oil tankers. They also claim to have burnt about 20 army lorries.

In Pakhtia, Ghazni and north Kandahar the Mujahiddin come under the military command of a man they simply refer to as the "Commandant", or "the Haji". He is



REBELS: A recent photo of Afghanistan's rebels with an anti-tank gun.

about 45 years old and speaks and writes fluent Farsi.

When I met him in his village hideaway the Haji told me he and the 2,000 men under his command were followers of the Harakat Islami Party, led by Maulvi Muhammad Nabi, who lives in exile across the Pakistan border.

The Haji said his men were badly armed and needed better weaponry from the West. He showed me his own rifle, which appeared to be of French manufacture from the last century. On it are inscribed the words: "Manufacture d'Armes, Chatelaurel, Mle 1886, MG5."

In a letter written in Farsi and addressed to friendly leaders in Islamabad, Peking and Cairo, he asks for all help possible in throwing out the Russians. "Our blood will not be silent until the last Russian has left Afghanistan," the letter says.

The Kabul government is taking seriously the Mujahiddin's attacks, partly for prestige reasons and also because Mujahiddin control of the Kabul to Kandahar road would threaten the ground supply lines of Soviet divisions based near Herat, along the Iranian border, and also those in the southeast near Pakistan.

Search and destroy operations were stepped up last week in Ghazni, Kandahar and Pakhtia. The government has also closed to civilian traffic the entire 300-mile road from Kabul to Kandahar.

The Mujahiddin's response to these government measures has been to widen the scope of the conflict.

In Kabul more than 300 people are now known to have died last month after Soviet and Afghan troops opened fire on Mujahiddin-organized demonstrations.

They are still burning the dead in the city because tanks block the main roads and the government, fearful of more disturbances, prevents citizens from assembling at the main burial grounds.

More than 300 people died instantly and 1,000 were reported wounded when firing was ordered on a series of peaceful, religious processions that started in Kabul after Friday prayers.

Eyewitness accounts speak of Soviet helicopter gunships and armored personnel carriers shooting down the unarmed demonstrators in the suburbs while local Communists, distinguished by their drab green uniforms, used Kalashnikovs and submachine guns to disperse crowds in the city center.

According to eyewitnesses, processions were formed after prayers at seven mosques in the city. They started to move toward the city center, but they were moved down within minutes of assembling. Smaller sub-groups in the heart of the city suffered a similar fate.

In the picturesque suburb of Dehdal a group of 500 assembled to protest against the previous day's carnage. They apparently intended to march in protest to the gates of the Soviet embassy. The authorities thought their objective was the yellow and red walled Dar-ul-Aman palace, which houses army headquarters.

Using the familiar combination of helicopters and APCs, they shot down the group even as they stood debating among themselves on the main road.

Despite the funeral smoke, despite closed shops and other signs of deep mourning all over Kabul, the government insists the casualty figures are very small.

New foreign policy urged

Israeli papers blast Shamir's appointment

TEL AVIV, March 10 (R) — Israeli newspapers Monday criticized the appointment of Yitzhak Shamir to the foreign ministry and one paper said the Jewish state needed a fresh foreign policy, not a new minister.

Knesset (parliament) Speaker Yitzhak Shamir, a Jewish guerrilla leader during British mandatory rule over Palestine and a noted hardliner, was invited by Prime Minister Menachem Begin Sunday to fill the post vacated by Moshe Dayan last October. His appointment was expected to be endorsed by the cabinet later Monday.

The English-language *Jerusalem Post*, noting Shamir's hardline views on the Arab-Israeli conflict and his abstention in the Knesset vote which ratified the Egypt-Israel peace treaty, said:

"What the country needs now is not so much a new foreign minister as a new foreign policy. This will not apparently originate in the present administration."

The independent daily *Haaretz* said: "Increased settlement and the dragging of Palestinian autonomy negotiations have done a great deal to increase Israel's isolation abroad and the foreign ministry post should have been given to a politician capable of shaping a more moderate policy within the government and presenting it in a convincing manner abroad. All that is known about Mr. Shamir indicates in the opposite direction."

Jewish settlers confident

In another development on the West Bank, Jewish settlers expressed confidence Sunday that the Israeli government would eventually let them live inside the Arab city of Hebron despite international hostility.

The settlers, who are present live on the edge of the West Bank, appeared undis-

mayed by the cabinet's further postponement Sunday of a decision on whether Jews should be permitted to return to homes abandoned after a massacre in 1929.

"I believe that our government will soon allow a new Jewish community to be established in the town," said Miriam Levinger, wife of extremist Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a leader of the Jewish suburb of Kiryat Arba.

Mrs. Levinger was among a group of ultra-nationalist women who a year ago together with their children took over an old abandoned Jewish building in the heart of Hebron in defiance of government orders.

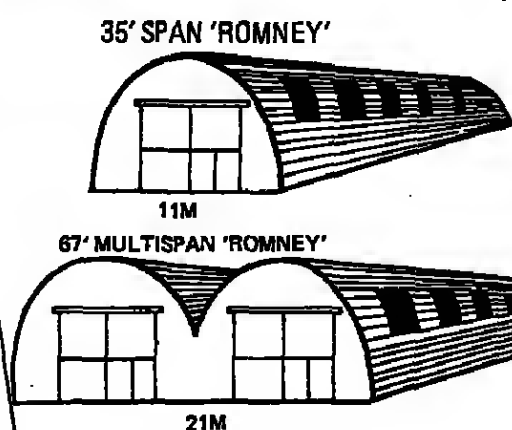
Despite a government resolve soon after the takeover to remove the squatters, the women and children still remain in the stone building, campaigning for a large Jewish presence in Hebron.

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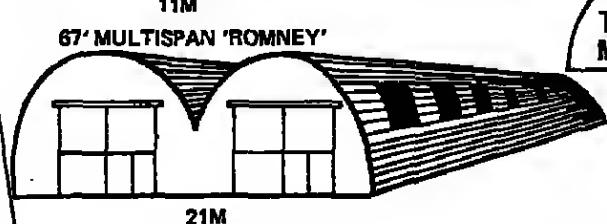
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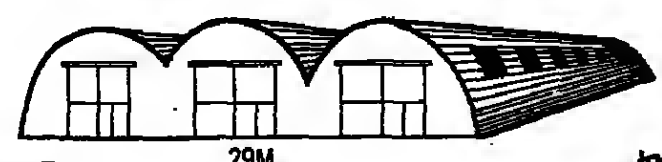


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U.S. tennis squad humbled

Argentina wins Davis Cup zone final

BUENOS AIRES, March 10 (R) — Argentina humbled the mighty U.S. tennis machine Sunday, winning the American zone final for the Davis Cup 4-1 to bundle the champions out of the competition.

Jose Luis Clerc beat Brian Gottfried 8-5 6-4 in the final match to complete an Argentine clean sweep in the singles in blazing sunshine at the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club. Earlier, U.S. number one John McEnroe lost his second marathon singles match going down 6-2 4-6 6-3 2-6 6-4 to Guillermo Vilas in temperatures well into the nineties.

The second singles was shortened to the best of three sets, as the McEnroe-Vilas duel had lasted a grueling five-and-a-quarter hours.

Clerc, 21, fresh from Saturday's stunning victory over McEnroe, was not inclined to be generous with Gottfried. The first set was even up to the 11th game, when Clerc broke Gottfried's service and held his own for the set.

In the second the Argentine ran away to a 5-2 lead, but the 28-year-old U.S. player rallied bravely, saving two match points before Clerc clinched the set and match.

Argentina beat the United States in 1977, also in Buenos Aires. But few could have



Guillermo Vilas

expected them to repeat that triumph in the current match against an American team which included McEnroe, one of the world's top players.

It was a sad game for McEnroe. His upset defeat by Argentine number two Jose Luis Clerc Saturday 6-3 6-2 4-6 13-11, opened the door for the Argentine victory and Sunday's loss to Vilas clinched the tie for Argentina.

The other Argentine win on their way to their unbeatable lead was scored by Vilas over Brian Gottfried, 7-5 6-4 6-3. Argentina will now meet the winners of European Zone "B" in the inter-zonal round in September.

Argentina's victory is one of the most staggering upsets in the history of the Davis Cup, which the United States has won 26 times, including last year. Argentina has never captured the trophy.

McEnroe's defeat by Vilas was his second in the tie here following an unbeaten run of 11 matches in Davis Cup singles.

Meanwhile, it was a different story in Hartford, Connecticut as little-known Jim Osborne led the United States to its fifth straight World Cup tennis victory Sunday with a 7-5, 6-7, 6-3 victory over Australia's John Newcombe.

The versatile Australian made a mighty effort to return the 11-year-old cup to his homeland during the second set of the match.

Osborne, playing for the first time on a U.S. team, bounced back in the final set to break Newcombe's serve in the second game. He was chosen in the last 24 hours to replace injured Tom Gorman.

Pressed by the Australian's strong service, Osborne faltered repeatedly only to recover with a service ace or brilliantly passing shot.

Osborne said the victory was thrilling, but he was even prouder to be a non-playing member of the 1968 U.S. team that recovered the Davis Cup from Australia.

New U.S. sports star opposes call for Olympic boycott

PARIS, March 10 (R) — Craig Virgin, who became the first American winner of the World Men's Cross Country Championship here Sunday will use his own status to press for U.S. participation in the Moscow Olympics.

Virgin, still breathless after a devastating finishing burst that swept him past West German Hans-Juergen Orthmann and England's Nick Rose in the final 200 meters, said he would be visiting President Jimmy Carter with a delegation of American athletes who want to compete in Moscow.

"We will be going to see the president about the Olympics," said Virgin, a 24-year-old from Lebanon, Illinois, "I want to represent the United States in Moscow."

On the evidence of Sunday's performance, Virgin would be a leading contender to win the 10,000 meters in Moscow in July if he were allowed to go. He demonstrated a shrewd tactical sense to combat a brave piece of front running by Rose and then picked off his rivals as their legs buckled in the closing strides.

Rose took the lead at the quarterway mark in the 11.9 kilometer race and then, using a tactic he has often employed in the track, tried to burn off his rivals with sudden surges of speed that at one point carried him more than two seconds clear.

But with Longchamp Racecourse having recovered well from recent rain he must have known that the firm going would make him vulnerable to a fast finisher — and so it proved.

Orthmann was the first onto his shoulder at the 11 kilometer mark and the West German, his face set determinedly under a yellow cap, seemed to have the race won when he started to pull away from the trailing Englishman. But then Virgin produced his bursting finish, driving past Rose with 200 meters left and catching Orthmann 50 meters later.

The American reached the tape in 37 minutes 01.1 seconds with Orthmann just over a second behind and Rose a further three seconds back. Leo Schots of Belgium, who won the title in 1977 was fourth, Scotland's 1,500 meters specialist John Robson fifth and Alexander Antipov of the Soviet Union sixth.

Powerful service propels Amaya to Washington tournament win

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP) — Victor Amaya used his big serve to win the \$125,000 men's tennis tournament here by defeating No. 7 seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia.

Lendl had defeated third-seeded Eddie Dibbs to reach the finals Sunday.

The 25-year-old Amaya agreed that he served well during the match but said a major factor to the victory was his ability to volley on Lendl's return of serve.

"I saw him play Roscoe during the week," said Amaya, referring to the tournament's defending champion and No. 1 seed Roscoe Tanner, who was beaten by Lendl Friday.

"He handled his (Tanner's) first serve very well. He hits the service return to your feet and it is difficult to handle."

Each of the players held service until the

10th game, although Amaya came back from a break point to hold at 4-3.

In the 10th game, with the score at deuce, Lendl served what appeared to be an ace, with two linesmen calling it in, but umpire Jack Tiahnan ruled it long. Lendl lost the point to give Amaya the advantage and he won the next point and the break to tie 5-5.

In the next game, Amaya was down 30-40 and served off three straight aces to hold service at 6-5 and then Lendl tied it 6-6 and sent the set a tiebreaker. Lendl won the tiebreaker 7-5.

Down 3-1 when Lendl broke in game four, Amaya broke back on Lendl's next two serves and blasted his way to a 5-3 lead in game eight, hitting three aces mixed in with a double fault, and won the point with a volley placement. In Boston, Massachusetts Top-seeded Tracy Austin and Billie Jean King lead the 32-plays field in a \$125,000 women's tennis tournament beginning Monday at Boston University.

King, who the Detroit Tournament Feb. 24 and the Houston event a week later, begins play Tuesday night against Terry Holladay. The 17-year-old Austin, who has won two tournaments this year, also will wait until Tuesday night to open.

Ervonne Goolagong is seeded second. Martina Navratilova has won four tournaments this year, more than any other player, but is skipping the Boston stop.

The spotlight will be on unseeded players in Monday's matches. Virginia Wade is seeded fourth and defending champion Dianne Fromholtz is fifth. They are followed by Kathy Jordan, Virginia Ruzici and Greer Stevens.

The semi-finals are scheduled for Saturday and the finals are set for Sunday.

The tournament is known as the Avon Championships of Boston.

Teenager scores personal high

Robinson leads Detroit win

NEW YORK, March 10 (AP) — Young Cliff Robinson wasn't showing his age Sunday as the New Jersey Nets clobbered the Detroit Pistons 140-100 in a National Basketball Association contest.

The rookie, who in three days will lose the distinction of being the NBA's only teenager, gunned in a personal high of 45 points. He played only 36 minutes canning 19 of 28 shots and 11 of his last 13.

Robinson also grabbed 10 rebounds and passed off for four assists.

Bullets 133, Celtics 128

John Williamson scored 21 points, including seven in overtime, as the Washington Bullets won for the eighth time in the last 10 games in their late-season push for a playoff berth. The Celtics had won nine games in a row previously, Washington's Elvin Hayes took scoring honors with 35 points. Rookie Larry Bird paced Boston with 33.

76ers 134, Spurs 118

Julius Erving and Doug Collins scored 24 points each Philadelphia handed San Antonio its eighth consecutive defeat. The

Champion Hunt faces Pakistani in squash test

LONDON, March 10 (R) — World champion Geoff Hunt of Australia will spend part of his 35th birthday battling to reach his ninth British Open Squash Championship final here Tuesday.

Six-times winner Hunt — he was runner-up in 1970 and 1972 — knows his semifinal clash against world number three Mohibullah Khan of Pakistan will be his toughest test to date in the eight-day, 20,000 sterling (\$46,000) tournament.

"I shall need to be at my very best against Mohibullah, who is certainly one of the most talented players in the world," said top seed Hunt.

The Australian has not looked as sharp as usual during the early rounds, while Mohibullah gave a timely demonstration of his form by thrashing rated New Zealander Bruce Brownlee for the loss of three points, in the quarterfinals Sunday.

Mohibullah's compatriots world number four Omar Zaman and number five Maqsood Ali led cootest the other semifinal.

Hunt stayed on course for his seventh title by beating home hope Jonah Barrington 9-3, 9-2, 7-9, 9-6 in the quarter-finals of the tournament.

British number one Barrington, like Hunt, a champion, six times, quickly conceded the opening two games but staged a typically dogged recovery in the third.

Barrington, trailing 2-7, unsettled Hunt with a change of tactics and squared the game at 7-7. The score remained unaltered for four changes of service then Barrington broke clear and put himself back in contention.

Barrington's recovery seemed shortlived as Hunt raced to a 7-0 lead in the fourth game, but the Australian relaxed and allowed his 38 year-old opponent to pull back to 4-7 before he wrapped up the clash on his second match ball.

Third-seeded Mohibullah, who has never won the open, destroyed seventh-seeded Brownlee in 22 minutes.

Brownlee said, "Instead of playing my normally aggressive game, I tried to keep the rallies going. Unfortunately, my change of pace just did not work against an opponent in tremendous form."

Brownlee, seventh in the world rankings added, "Though Hunt is not playing as well as he can I still believe he will keep his title."

'Fast scoring' Pakistan races toward Australia all out fourth day 617 total

FAISALABAD, March 10 (AP) — On the fourth day of the second test between Australia and Pakistan Monday, the home team was 108 for the loss of one wicket, in reply to visitors total of 617 all out.

The first Pakistani wicket to fall was of opener Haroon Rashid, L.B.W. off Geoff Dymock for 21 runs, when the total was only 57.

Taslim Arif, who is playing the second test of his career, displayed a pleasing game, scoring 67 and still batting. Zaheer Abbas batting was 7.

The Pakistanis were scoring very fast and had scored 108 runs at the close of the day's play in 135 minutes.

Of the Australian bowlers, only Geoff Dymock was successful by taking one wicket of opener Haroon Rashid yielding 16 runs.

To get any wicket, Alan Border was brought in at the last moment and he bowled two overs, both maidens.

Pakistan was left with one-and-a-half-days to play its first innings.

The previous day's bright inning was of Greg Chappell with his individual score of 235 runs, highest of his cricket career.

Monday's outstanding score was 172 runs by Graham Yallop, who was clear bowled for 172 and was the last player to be out. Second highest score of the day was 71 by Rodney Marsh, L.B.W. off Taufiq Ahmad.

The sixth wicket partnership of Rodney Marsh and Graham Yallop contributed 127 runs to visitors' total.

Of the Pakistani bowlers, new test cap Taufiq Ahmad did a good job capturing three Australian wickets yielding 77 runs in 35 overs.



BLOCK THAT KICK: Vaughan Jones of the Bristol Rovers (on ground) centers the ball as Colin Powell of Charlton tries to stop him during a recent British soccer match.

In Cup draw

Arsenal paired with Liverpool

LONDON, March 10 (R) — Arsenal, the holders, were paired with Liverpool, league champions and current leaders, when the semi-final of England's Football Association (F.A.) cup were drawn here Monday.

Liverpool, who knocked out Arsenal's neighbors Tottenham in London on Saturday, will be playing in their seventh semi-final, Arsenal their 15th. It is a confrontation which many fans had hoped to reserve for the final.

The other semi-final brings together the less fashionable half of the London-merseydale contest which the cup has this year become.

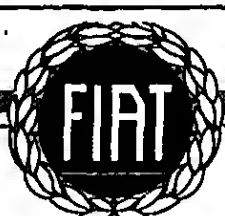
Everton, shock conquerors of Ipswich in the quarter-finals, face second division West

Ham, who beat finally superior visitors in Astor Villa by a last minute penalty on Saturday.

Everton, though currently struggling on the fringe of the First Division's relegation zone, have a formidable record in the cup. They have reached the semifinal 18 times, the final 10 times.

Nine years ago Arsenal beat Liverpool 2-1 after extra time to win the cup and they went on also to win the league, so completing a "double" which only Tottenham had achieved this century. This season Liverpool have the same target.

Ray Kennedy, striker in that Arsenal team, has since moved to Liverpool, where he has won England honors as a midfielder.



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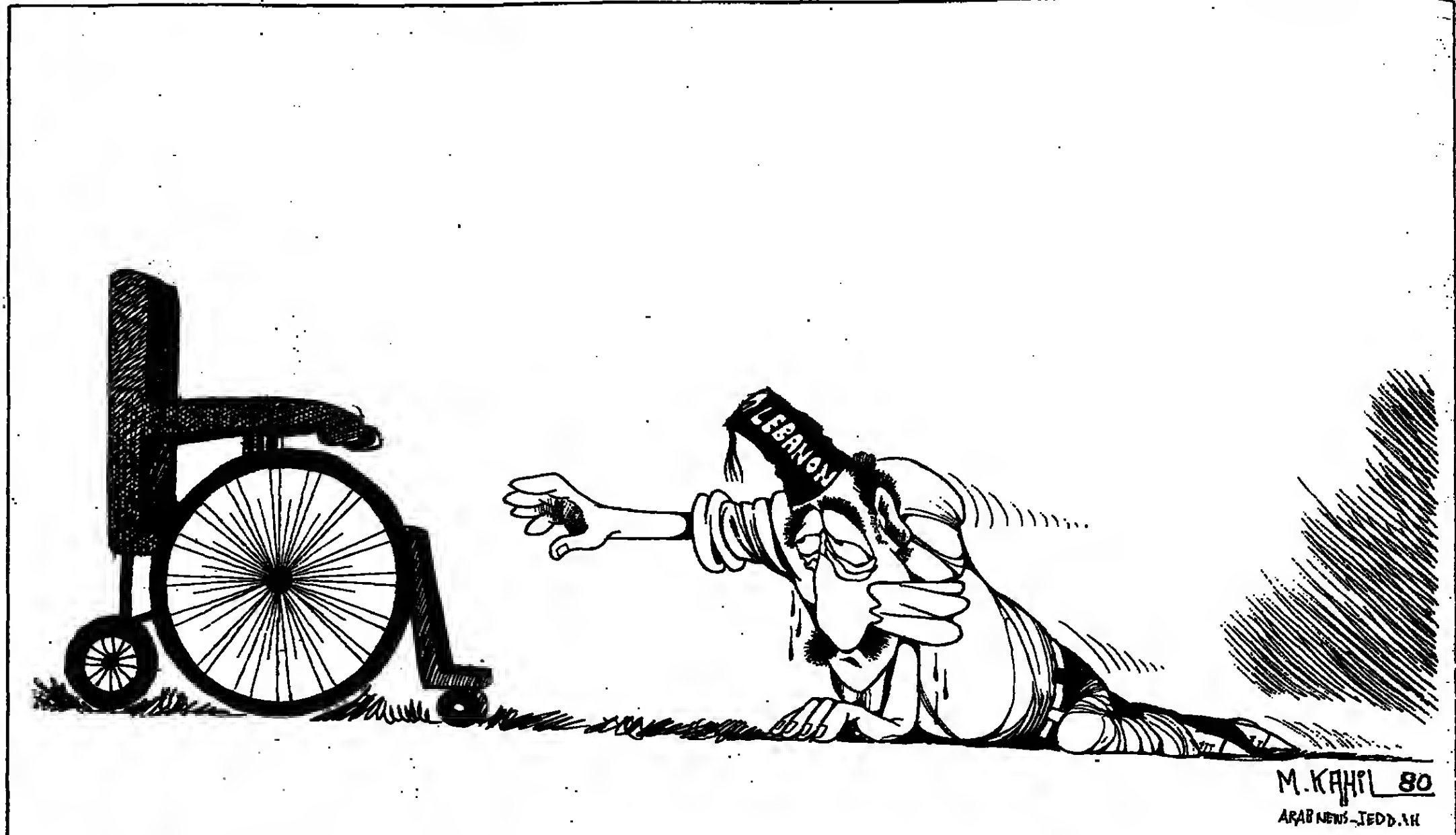
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The Sharett Diaries: Israel's designs on Lebanon (IV)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last in a series of articles based on the Diaries of Moshe Sharett, which have not yet been published outside Israel and which reveal the power struggle which went on within the Israeli establishment in the early years of the Jewish state).

By Michael Adams

Sharett had been acutely embarrassed by the raid against the Jordanian border village of Qibya, which coincided with his own appointment as prime minister in October 1953. The raid had been authorized by Ben Gurion (Sharett's predecessor), but it was Sharett who had to face the international outcry at what he himself described in his diary as a "massacre".

Even before the outcry over Qibya had died down, the activists were looking round for their next targets. At a meeting of ministers of Mapai (the ruling Labor party) on Jan. 31, 1954, Moshe Dayan, whom Ben Gurion had shortly before appointed as chief of staff, put forward several plans for "direct action". Sharett listed them in his diary:

"On to force the blockade in the Straits of Elan - send a ship flying the Israeli flag and if the Egyptians shoot, we shall bomb them from the air, occupy Ras el Naqurah, open up a way to the Mediterranean coast south of Gaza."

"Take action against Syrians fishing in Lake Tiberias..."

"If Iraq takes advantage of internal problems in Syria to invade that country... we should advance (into Syria) and realize a series of false compromises."

Of these proposals, Sharett remarks to himself: "The interesting thing about all this is the idea it gives one of the direction the new chief of staff's thoughts are taking. I am extremely worried."

A month later there is a coup d'etat in Syria and the regime of Adib Shishakly is overthrown. This time it is the Israeli Minister of Defense, Pinhas Lavon (another of Ben Gurion's appointees) who at once approaches Sharett and urges that this provides an opportunity to attack Syria. Sharett recorded the conversation in his diary for Feb. 25, 1954:

"This is the right moment to act (said Lavon) - to advance and occupy the Syrian positions beyond the Demilitarized Zone. Syria is disintegrating. The state with which we signed an armistice agreement no longer exists... This is a historic opportunity and we shouldn't miss it."

Sharett as usual tries to restrain him and finally postpones a decision by saying that they can discuss the matter again at a meeting they are to have with Ben Gurion two days later. At this meeting, Lavon and Dayan strongly advocate an immediate military attack on Syria; Ben Gurion, "electrified", supports them. But for once Sharett imposes his authority, pointing out that the U.N. Security Council will be sure to condemn such a wholly unprovoked aggression and that the Western powers may well insist on an Israeli withdrawal which would be "humiliating".

For the moment Ben Gurion and his associates have to accept this. (Ten months later they try to provoke an incident with Syria by hijacking a Syrian airliner and holding its passengers hostage, in an attempt to free five Israelis captured in the course of a sabotage mission inside Syria - but that is another story.) Meanwhile, Ben Gurion himself puts up a proposal for action on a different front. Sharett's diary again, for Feb. 27:

"Then he (Ben Gurion) moved on to another subject. This is the time (he said) to push the Lebanon - that is, the Maronites there - to proclaim a Christian state."

Ben Gurion's idea was that the creation of a Christian mini-state in the heartland of Lebanon would benefit Israel because it would mean the disintegration of Lebanon as it then existed. It was not a new idea; Ben Gurion had expounded it seven years earlier, when the Israelis were fighting to establish their new state in Palestine. On May 21, 1947, a week after he became Israel's first prime minister, Ben Gurion had written in his diary:

"The Achilles heel of the Arab coalition is the Lebanon. Muslim supremacy in this country is artificial and can easily be overturned. A Christian state ought to be set up there, with its southern frontier on the River Litani. We would sign a treaty of alliance with this state. Then, when we have broken the strength of the Arab Legion and bombed Amman, we could wipe out Transjordan; after that, Syria would fall. And if Egypt still dared to make war on us, we would bomb Port Said, Alexandria and Cairo. We should thus end the war and would have put paid to Egypt, Assyria and Chaldea on behalf of our ancestors."

When Sharett opposed the idea as hopelessly unrealistic the circumstances of 1954, adding that "if we were to try to achieve it on our own we would only get ourselves into trouble", Ben Gurion was furious:

"There followed a spate of insults about my lack of courage and my narrow-mindedness. We ought to send agents and spend money... If the money wasn't to be had from the Treasury, then we must get it from the Jewish Agency. For such an objective it would be worth throwing away a hundred thousand, half a million, a million dollars. If we could achieve this, we would bring about a decisive change in the Middle East, it would mean the start of a new era. I grew tired of struggling against this whirlwind..."

Next day Sharett received a long letter from him, in which Ben Gurion returned to the attack, urging that the establishment of a Christian state in Lebanon was "...the central duty, or at least one of the central duties, of our foreign policy. This means that time, energy and means ought to be invested in it and that we must act in every possible way to bring about a radical change in Lebanon... If money is needed, no amount of dollars should be spared, even if the money is spent in vain. We must concentrate all our efforts on this issue. This is a historic opportunity. To miss it would be unpardonable."

The plan, will mean the breakup of Lebanon; but this does not make Ben Gurion hesitate, any more than the thought of the methods that will have to be used to bring it about.

"The goal will not be reached, of course, without some restriction of Lebanon's borders (i.e. of its territory). But if we can find men in the Lebanon and exiles from it who will be ready to join forces for the creation of a Maronite state, then wider borders and a large Muslim population will be of no use to them and this will not be an obstacle."

I don't know if we have people in Lebanon - but there are various ways in which the proposed experiment can be carried out."

There is an echo here of another of Ben Gurion's earlier pronouncements. Speaking on Jan. 8, 1948 to the Central Committee of the Israeli Workers' Party, this tireless advocate of the fait accompli by which so many of the Zionists' objectives had been achieved, had said:

"We know of old that international verdicts can be upset... Force of arms, not formal resolutions, will determine the issue."

Sharett continues to veto the idea of provoking the disintegration of Lebanon by any of the "various ways" which Ben Gurion and Dayan continue to urge. In a long reply to Ben Gurion's letter he points out that the Christians in Lebanon are not united and it is impossible to rely on their help. As for the Muslims, they too are unpredictable:

"The Plan (Ben Gurion's plan) is based on detaching from Lebanon the Muslim provinces of Tyre, the Bekaa and Tripoli. But who can be sure that these provinces will be willing to give up their ties with the Lebanon and their political and economic connection with Beirut? Who can guarantee that the bloody war that will inevitably break out as a result of such an attempt will not spread to Syria as well? Who can be sure that the Western powers will just look on as observers and won't intervene before a Christian Lebanon has been brought about?"

If it had not been for these considerations, Sharett writes (in a passage which shows him, as so often, poised indecisively between the claims of morality and of political opportunism), he would have had no objection to joining in a plot of this kind to undermine the regime in Lebanon:

"...on the contrary, I should certainly have been in favor of giving active help to any signs of unrest in the Maronite community which might strengthen its separatist tendencies... I should have seen the advantages of such unrest and of the instability it could bring about, the trouble it would have caused to the Arab League, the way it would have distracted attention from the Arab-Israeli situation..."

But in present circumstances, Sharett insists, such schemes are out of the question and are only likely to damage Israel in the eyes of the outside world, which will see them as:

"...ill-considered and irresponsible, or - worse - as a risky adventure involving the well-being of others and a readiness to sacrifice their welfare for the sake of a temporary tactical advantage to Israel."

It was the attitude of the American government which most affected Sharett's reaction to the designs of Ben Gurion and the activists. The Americans at this time (as documents released by the CIA in 1979 show) were alive to the fact that it was Israel's strong-arm policy along the armistice lines, rather than the bitter but impotent resentment of the Arabs, that was threatening the peace. On April 9, 1954, shortly after Sharett had written that letter in reply to Ben Gurion's call to action, Henry Byroade, at that time U.S. assistant secretary of state, had told the Israeli government:

"You should drop the attitude of the conqueror and the conviction that force and a policy of retaliatory killings is the only policy that your neighbor will understand. You should make your deeds correspond to your frequent utterances of (your) desire for peace."

In deference to this attitude, Sharett was able to withstand the pressures from inside his own government for a "forward" policy toward Lebanon. Apart from occasional mention of "contacts with certain circles in Lebanon", his diaries for the rest of 1954 contain no references to the plans of the "activists" as far as Lebanon is concerned.

But early in 1955 the subject crops up again. The Arab world is in turmoil; there is tension between Egypt and Iraq, and between Iraq and Syria - where the internal situation after the overthrow of Shishakly remains unstable. Ben Gurion feels that the time has come to renew his demand that Israel should "do something about Lebanon". This time it is Dayan, as the entry in Sharett's diary for May 16, 1955 tells us; who puts forward a proposal which has an astonishingly prophetic ring in the light of much more recent events in Lebanon.

"According to Dayan, all that 'is needed is to find (a Lebanese) officer, even a major will do. We should either win his heart or buy him with money to get him to agree to declare himself as the savior of the Maronite population. Then the Israeli army will enter Lebanon, occupy the necessary territory and create a Christian regime which will ally itself with Israel. The territory from the Litani southward will be totally annexed to Israel. The chief of staff (Dayan) recommends that this be done immediately, tomorrow..."

As it turned out, that objective of Dayan's in 1955 had to be postponed, perhaps because of Israel's preoccupation with Egypt and the approaching Sinai campaign, or perhaps because the alliance which the Israelis then forged with France, the traditional patron and protector of Lebanon, made it too imprudent for the Israelis to pursue a policy which would have endangered the Franco-Israeli entente.

But the plan was only shelved; it was not forgotten. It was revived after the war of 1967 (when the French alliance was broken off by de Gaulle) and Israel's objective of destabilizing Lebanon was energetically pursued by means of systematic bombing raids in South Lebanon which started in 1968. Eventually, although Ben Gurion was no longer there to see it, Dayan was able, as a member of the equally hard-line government of Menachem Begin, to join in launching the invasion of South Lebanon in March 1978, when the Israeli army occupied "the necessary territory" and created "a Christian regime which will ally itself with Israel."

And although for the time being the Israelis were not able to follow Dayan's program by annexing the territory, it was surely remarkable that when they reluctantly withdrew their troops in June 1978, Dayan should have been proved so accurate in estimating, all those years earlier, that "even a major will do" as the "savior of the Maronite population" and Israel's puppet in the Lebanon.

HYPOCRISY ON OIL ISSUE

Arab oil producers find themselves in a peculiar position. Pressure on them from consumers - namely the industrialized countries of the West - is unrelenting. They have been producing more than they really need, at lower prices than other producers. They nevertheless still face accusations of greed, of irresponsibility, and of striving to wreck the international economy. The West, in short, has had it both ways for a long time now. It has assumed the role of both prosecutor and judge for too long. It is time the Arab producers showed an appropriate reaction.

Last week brought three news items which illustrate admirably the hypocrisy of the West on the question of oil. The first concerned the decision by the United States Justice Department to investigate the major oil companies, to determine the degree they are monopolizing the market. The Department has asked the Saudi government, among others, for information to help settle the matter.

The second, connected report concerned the announcement by Royal Shell that its profits in the last quarter of last year amounted to a billion pounds sterling, bringing its profit total for the year as a whole to over £3 billion. The third was the sale by auction - the seller being the American government itself - of 130 thousand barrels of Californian oil at the staggering price of \$41 per barrel. This is at a time when that government misses no opportunity to attack oil producers everywhere for their high prices.

Thus the American government can sell at prices exceeding anywhere else in the market, and an oil company makes more in one year than ten Arab countries taken together, at a time when the monopolistic practices of such concerns have become the object of investigation - all this and it is "the Arabs" who are greedy and reckless with the world's economy.

The Arab producers have to bit back. And this need not mean raising the prices - only that the margin of profit for oil companies is controlled in such a way as to increase the producers' revenues. The consumer countries are already, thinking along these lines. Yet their aim is to increase their own cut as consumers rather than see that the producers get the revenues which are their due.

saudi press review

Most newspapers Monday led with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's talks with Crown Prince Fahd in Riyadh on the Middle East situation and events in Afghanistan. In its lead story, *Al Yom* highlighted a Jordanian-French joint communiqué issued at the end of the French president's visit in Amman. The paper concentrated on the communiqué's demand for a homeland for the Palestinian people and inclusion of the Palestine Liberation Organization in any comprehensive Middle East settlement. *Al Medina* said in a lead that the United States' stance on Jerusalem has now collapsed.

The newspapers frontpaged Pakistan President Zia ul-Haq's assertion that a European proposal for declaring Afghanistan a neutral country was unrealistic and impractical. They also highlighted on their front pages the appointment of Yitak Shmir as foreign minister of Israel. Reports of fierce battles in Afghanistan and the Afghan Muslim fighters' control of the Kabul-Khyber highway figured prominently on the front pages of newspapers.

The editorials welcomed the French president's visit to Saudi Arabia and highlighted the significant role Saudi Arabia and France are playing at regional and international levels. *Al Jazirah* said that Riyadh would welcome Giscard d'Estaing as one of the great leaders of the world. The newspaper said he has shown respect for human values and rights and has consistently worked for justice for the world's oppressed. It said that the French stance on Palestinian rights has weakened the conscience of the international community, especially of Europe which before was dominated by world Zionism.

Addressing the French role from the time of de Gaulle to the present day, *Al Riyadh* said that the din and clamor raised by Israel on France's honorable stand was nothing but a storm in a tea cup.

Giscard d'Estaing current visit to the region stressed the need for Euro-Arab dialogue and a more effective role by Europe in Mideast peace efforts. France was playing a leading role in this regard, the paper said, adding that France's relations with the Gulf states in general and with Saudi Arabia in particular were now deep-rooted.

On the same subject, *Al Bilad* described Franco-Saudi relations as a "unique manifestation" of international cooperation. These relations are characterized by mutual confidence and cooperation, said the paper, expressing optimism that bilateral summit talks will be fruitful in the light of their mutual belief in the importance of cooperation among the nations of the world.

Okaz said that Franco-Saudi talks assumed importance in the context of Giscard d'Estaing's tour of the region and France's favorable attitude toward the Arab cause. The paper said that the two sides' discussion over the issue of Jerusalem was only natural in view of the Kingdom's great concern for its liberation from Zionist hands. France and Europe, convinced now of the need for a solution to the Palestine issue, should to extend their conviction to the resolution of Jerusalem issue and the return of the city to the Islamic fold, the paper said.

Al Nadwa expressed the hope that Europe would play an effective and positive role, following the example of France. With a meaningful and fruitful cooperation between Europe and the Arab world, it may be possible to respond to current events and to challenge the superpowers which, the paper said, have been working only for their selfish gains. In their frenzied search for wealth the superpowers have cared little for the countries and peoples in their path, the paper added.

Al Medina devoted its editorial to the current conference of the Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs in Mecca. The paper highlighted King Khalid's message to the conference, in which the monarch said that Jerusalem was an Arab land since the dawn of history. It gave prominence to the King's call for sound planning, struggle and unity of forces to help liberate Jerusalem from the Zionist. The paper endorsed the monarch's conviction that Jerusalem could not be liberated through words but by preparing a generation willing to make sacrifices for its sake.

'Mr. President, you can't have my children'

By Cannon Barclay

MUSKEGON, Mich. - Dear President Carter, As a father with four children I've worked hard and with unbroken employment for almost 25 years in a window-shade factory. I don't have a college degree or a fancy job, but I must somehow express my feelings to you about this new draft registration.

You see, my two sons are 18 and 19, and my oldest child is my daughter and she is 22. They say you want them to be ready should America have to go to war. Well, if you pass your bill in Congress, I have to say, "Nuts to you!"

Frankly, their father taught them to be sensitive and to respect the feelings of others... and their own. I believe they know the values of hard work, because they all have worked through high school and now for their advanced or college training. My daughter Debra Sue is a junior at the University of Cincinnati and her major is radio and television. My sons are into computer management. Our little one is 7 and I am very proud of all of them.

They all have good health and I have been blessed that they also have good habits. They are full of dreams about their futures. You should hear them and their plans, Mr. President. Without a doubt they are gentle and kind souls.

No, Mr. President, you can't have my children! What you can have is me!

Why not fight this next war... our war... if it happens... with someone twice their age? I am very serious about this proposal.

Take another look at us fathers. Well, I can't speak for any others, but I will for me. With more than two decades more than my children of this good life in America I would be a good soldier.

Life has toughened me around the edges. You know what I mean, Mr. President. The children haven't fought all of life's daily little battles yet. More than that - I am prepared to fight. For my country and for my family. That should be the key, Mr. President.

Whatever you might expect of my children in training or in actual combat roles - I can handle it better... and that's not just experience talking... but a dedicated American and father who wants to win any next war quick... But with an older team. I can handle the blood and strife, however, my children (although they would be willing) would not be quite as prepared.

Look at them, Mr. President, real careful. Listen to them and catch their smiles and the love they give to all of us... and then somehow turn me down. It can't be done.

Their father is ready to register now as a first-class substitute for three very special people. The bottom line to me is that my country has been good to me... and I've had my chance to dream.

Yours truly,
Cannon Barclay

Just in time

A grand old man of the Senate

By Jean Grant

DHAHRAN — At the house where Senator J. William Fulbright was staying, the door was ajar. Inside, a few feet away, was an official from the public relations department of the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) and a pleasant-looking man who introduced himself as Merle Thorpe.

Thorpe, dressed like a Chicago banker, explained that, as one of the Senator's associates long interested in the Middle East, he was accompanying Fulbright on his trip to Saudi Arabia.

Fulbright is a robust man, wearing that day a grey-and-white striped seersucker suit and open-necked shirt. He appears to be in his mid-50's though he is 75 year old; grand old man of the Senate.

When I confessed my surprise at his youthful appearance, the Senator drawled happily, "that's a sign of a virtuous life, the will of Allah."

Fulbright was one of six children. His father died when he was very young, and he probably would have stayed all his life in the small state of Arkansas had he not won a scholarship to Harvard. Marrying a woman, who last year successfully recovered from open-heart surgery, was "the best thing that ever happened to me." They have two daughters and five grandchildren after 48 years of marriage.

Fulbright first became involved in the Middle East in 1956 at the time of the Suez crisis and the first Israeli occupation of Sinai. His reasonable and consistent views on the Arab-Israeli dispute and the Palestine problem make Fulbright something of a rarity on the American political scene. How has his support for Arab demands come about?

His own experience as a young man growing up in Arkansas — "a relic of the War between the States" — showed him defeat and humiliation. He can easily sympathize with the bitterness of Arab youth in not dissimilar circumstances.

Although it is illegal for American political groups to accept money from foreign sources, Fulbright believes that Arabs can effectively and legally promote their cause in America. Recipients of their support might include such educational institutions as the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. It would be perfectly proper, he explains, to help institutions which provide information about the Arab world, giving journalists and researchers a more balanced picture of Middle East affairs.

There are many pro-Israel Arab-Americans in such states as Michigan and Texas, but they have not yet organized. Jewish Americans began to organize in earnest after the 1956 war, but Arab-American institutions like the Association of Arab-Americans are just now getting started. Chronically short of funds, they suffer from the lack of any tradition of contributing to political groups on the part of the Arab-American community.

The Israeli lobby offers Arab groups stiff competition. Six-to-seven million strong, the Jewish community in America is politically very active. Its members contribute not only to Israel but also to local American political activities. The Senator ticked off on his fingers he states where American Jews heavily influence the politically situation: they include the crucial states of New York, California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

The Jewish community, he said, has so

many organizations you could get dizzy trying to name them all. "One way they carry favor is "to ease the burdens of political life" by inviting winners of elections — especially freshman senators and representatives — to all-expenses-paid trips to Israel. Jewish influence on the media is well known; as yet the Arab groups have little access to newspapers and TV.

Fulbright believes it will take "a good while" for the U.S. to recognize its real interests in the Middle East. Recently he has seen progress: books and articles that would not have appeared a decade ago are now being published. Nahum Goldman's autobiography in which he argues for Security Council Resolution 242, and Stanley Hoffman's articles in the *New York Review of Books* and *Foreign Affairs* are examples of this. Gradually as the facts emerge, "they begin to make an impression on foreign policy."

1980 is an election year in America, and Senator Fulbright commented on the candidates and their Middle East positions. The only candidate to support the Arabs openly is Republican John Connally, but he has won no more than a handful of votes in the early primaries. Some of his difficulties can be attributed to his pro-Arab stance.

"Ted Kennedy 'doesn't look very promising either,'" said Fulbright, "but it is hard to assess political fortunes this early in the game." Gerald Ford "might be helpful" to the Arabs because of his own previous experience as President. Mr. Ford, recalls Fulbright, suggested in the summer of 1975 that American policy towards Israel needed to be revised. Seventy-six senators immediately wrote to urge that Israel be given pretty much what it wanted.

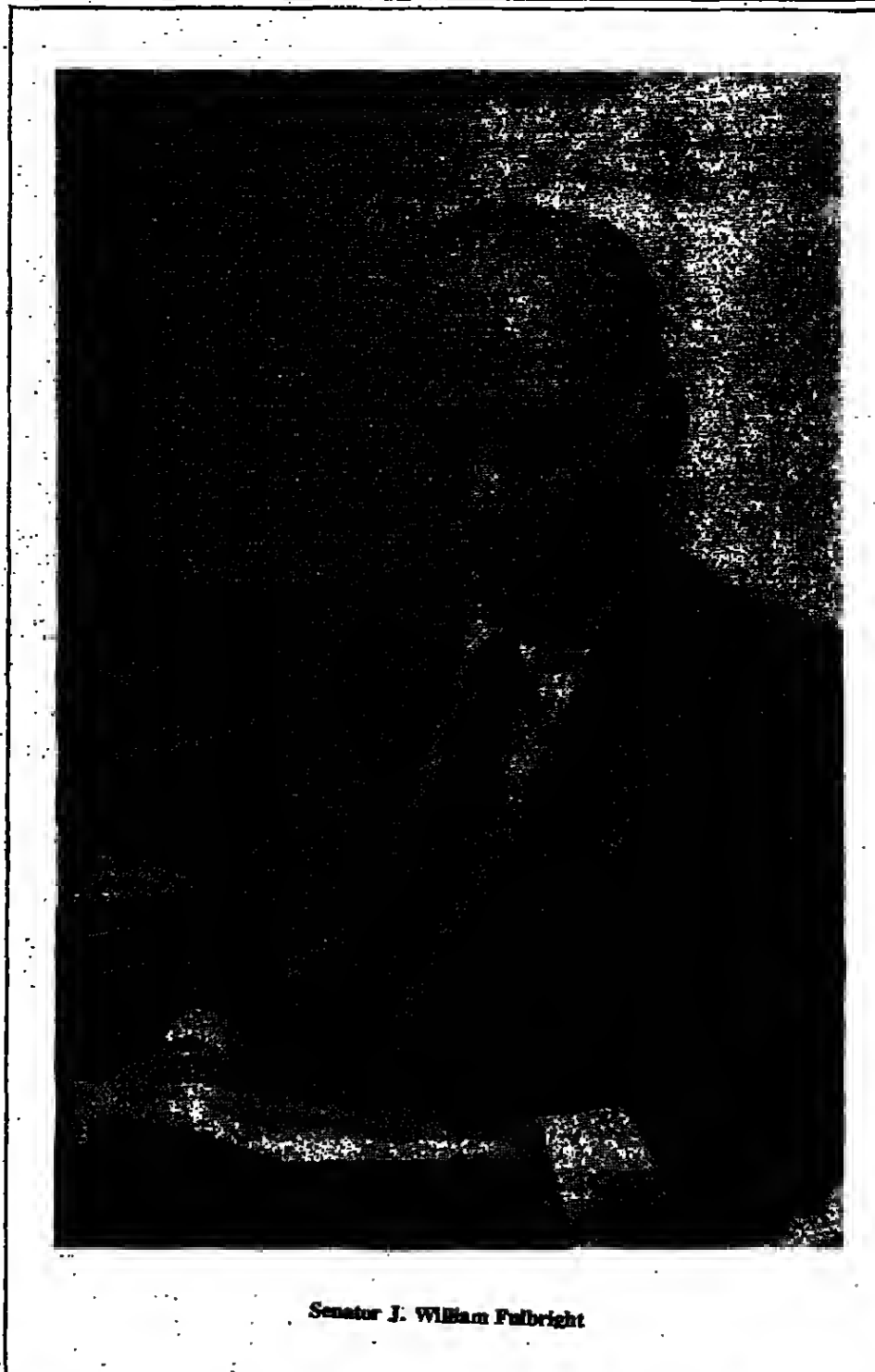
Fulbright agreed that this is true. Carter is susceptible to Zionist pressure. When Carter was first elected, he did make statements favorable to Palestinian rights. The incumbent "still feels and knows it to be in the interest of America to get a just settlement, but he doesn't feel secure enough in his own political position to really go forward."

Two days after this interview, at the UPM auditorium, the Senator stood in the blinding glare of 4 klieg lights to deliver a speech on U.S. policy in the Middle East. His audience of over 700 consisted largely of Americans with a good sprinkling of Saudis and Palestinians.

Fulbright began by saying that many Arab friends had told him they were mystified by the U.S. policy on the Middle East. He admitted that he too, was mystified, even after 30 years' experience in the U.S. Senate. Nonetheless, he remains an optimist, "for the American political system allows opportunities to be heard." Perhaps the Arabs had not done all they could to make their case heard. Once the facts are presented, fully and without distortion, to the American people, their good will and good sense should lead them to try to rectify the historic injustice dealt the Palestinian people.

The American political system, based upon self-determination, is historically anti-colonialist; thus "we are going against our own principles when we acquiesce in a denial of Palestinian self-determination." Fulbright counseled patience in presenting the Arab case to a nation of over 200 million with diverse ethnic groups and a powerful Israeli lobby. The Aswan formula of Jan. 4, 1978, he said, is an evasion of Palestinian self-determination, "for it permits the Palestinians to be only one of many parties in deciding their own future."

Critical of the Camp David accord when it



Senator J. William Fulbright

was formulated, Fulbright admits his doubts continue since "it has not brought about the kind of co-operation we want with Arab states." He believes the U.S. was "heavy-handed" in attempting to get Saudi Arabia to support it.

Nonetheless, the Senator believes that working within even the weak and limited framework of the Camp David accord with the intent of obtaining something better is in the best interests of the Arabs; it would prevent, for example, the annexation of the West Bank by the Begin government, which the current deadlock makes possible.

Fulbright supports a peace settlement which goes beyond the Aswan formula and the "extremely limited administrative autonomy proposed by the Begin government." The plan is based on Palestinian self-determination in a sovereign state on the West Bank and Gaza. "The minimum compensation for the great historic injustice done to the Palestinians, is the right to form a political unit of their own choice on one quarter the land area of Palestine."

The plan also includes the "mutual recognition by Palestinians and Israelis of the right to peace, the establishment of Arab sovereignty over the Muslim holy places in Jerusalem, the deployment of U.N. forces in demilitarized zone, and lastly a guarantee of the settlement by the Security Council."

This is not present American policy, but there is a good deal of support for the plan.

Endorsed by major American churches, the Middle East Institute, and the American Friends Service Committee, it has also won the approval of the Common Market.

The major obstacle to peace is not devising a sound program, but mustering the political courage to put it into action. Sacrifice is required of both parties. The Israelis must abandon their dream of regaining all of Biblical Israel.

Almost all peace settlements are imposed to some degree or another, the Senator remarked, and they can work so long as they are enforced and impose no grave injustice on one of the parties. The Congress of Vienna brought peace to Europe for over a hundred years. The Treaty of Versailles, if enforced, might have prevented the eruption of World War II.

Although concern for keeping the peace has generally been voiced in terms of Israeli concerns, Fulbright cited distinguished historian Walid Khalidi who has said "the real security question posed by the Palestinian state is for how long would the Israeli brigadier-generals be able to keep their hands off such a delectable sitting duck?"

Although Fulbright has often stood alone in his support of the Arabs, his views are not acceptable without reservation to Palestinians. In the question period which followed his speech, several students groped for the right words at the audience microphones.

They took the Senator to task for what they saw as deficiencies in his views.

"Was it just that half the population of Palestine be neglected," asked one, "or that 4 million Palestinians be cramped into the area now inhabited by only 2 million? Was it a 'small compromise' to recover only 1/2 the area of historic Palestine?"

"I have always worked in the realm of the possible," replied the Senator. "I sympathize with those who make the case for the recovery of all of Palestine, but it is not politically practicable. The proposed settlement does not give full justice, but that is unrealistic and you cannot get it. Who is going to do it, and how are you going to get it done?"

A Jeddah concert

Young man with a horn

By Raana Siddiqi

JEDDAH — The concert organized by the Jeddah Concert Committee last Thursday was a great success. Andre Bernard, the world famous trumpeter who came to the Kingdom to perform in Jeddah and Riyadh and Mrs. Caroline Hoffer who accompanied him at the piano both gave a superb performance.

The program included Haydn, Tomasi, Mozart and Hummel.

Forty-three-year old Andre Bernard started playing the trumpet from the age of ten. Born in a small town in the French Alps, he comes from a family of amateur musicians. "I listened to my uncle and grandfather and from the age of seven wanted to play music," says Bernard. He became interested in the trumpet by listening to American jazz. "I liked to play many different instruments since I was very young but the trumpet impressed me most."

Bernard studied in Paris and Boston. Today he is well-known and much applauded both in his native France as well as in other European countries and in America. Noted primarily for his interpretation of ancient and Baroque music, he is also considered a specialist in contemporary music. Every year he gives short courses in the trumpet.

He has just completed a tour of the U.S. and Canada. Caroline Hoffer was instrumental in arranging his trip to the Kingdom. "It was Caroline who contacted me and asked

me to come here not just to play the trumpet but also to know something about this country which is becoming more important every day."

He does not play with any particular group. However he has performed with many famous orchestras and has his own Brass Ensemble in Paris. He also conducts on occasions. Coming from the high Alps not far from the Italian border he is fluent in Italian and also speaks German, English, and Spanish.

Andre Bernard spoke highly of Caroline Hoffer. "She is a very good pianist and plays with a lot of feeling. She is very skilled and I think we gave a very good concert together." "She can get artists from Europe and organize concerts. There are many people interested in this activity as I saw in Riyadh and Jeddah and it is nice to have someone who can arrange things for them."

Of all the audiences, Bernard finds the Germans on the whole the most cultivated. He says "I play a lot in Germany. Last December I performed in eighteen concerts in twenty days in Germany. In all except one the tickets were sold out. It is not the same in London or even in the States."

His favorite composer is Bach but he is also fond of Beethoven and Schubert. He likes jazz too but does not play it much now. As a student he used to play at the Lido and Folies Bergeres in Paris to supplement his income. He has also played background music for films.

Ode to the twopenny lean-over

Katharine Whitehorn

LONDON — Friends are God's apology for our relatives, someone once shrewdly said; and anyone who has just had relatives to stay would think that he has a good deal to apologize for.

I am torn between thinking it would be lot easier if all my relations lived in another continent, and realizing that if they did, they would visit me for even longer. Perhaps the ideal distance is still one mile: always reckoned to be perfect, because your mother-in-law had to put on her bonnet before she came to see you, but she was not so far away that she had to come and stay.

Isn't my mother-in-law, however, that I'm complaining about. Over the years we have got her fairly well trained. She no longer gets to the sink within half-an-hour of her arrival, intent on standing in front of it until the end of her visit — I suspect that she enjoyed herself more when, during one holiday, our dishwasher broke down, so there was some point to her incessant compulsion to wash dishes. And as she cheerfully sits in front of the TV shows that we want to watch anyway, she's entirely harmless.

Not so some of the others. They still behave as if we lived in Jane Austen's day, when journeys were so appalling that everyone who went visiting had to rest up for six weeks before they could face the homeward road, and everyone in the world had time.

These relations are on vacation, so they assume you are too. They come and stay during the week, and behave as if it were the weekend; they get up late, which I don't object to, but then hang around the kitchen chatting at an hour when any reasonable woman is either cleaning or out at her job. They sit up till all hours, because they don't have to get

up in the morning. They are a pain. People who live in beautiful or famous places get this worse than most. What finally drives Americans out of Paris is not what the drink is doing to their livers, or even the understandable desire of almost everyone at head office to have a spell in such a delectable location. It's the fact that for about three-quarters of the year they are holiday home to everyone they have ever met — or even to anyone everyone else has ever met. 'It's Paris!' say the arrivals, joyfully, taking over where the last lot, at last thankfully piled into their aeroplane, left off.

I had a friend with whom — I admit — I used to go and stay. He had gone to the south of France to write books in peace; I think he wrote about a page and a half in the nine years he was there, because of the number of friends sitting about saying, 'Tell me, Viccat — yes, thanks, just one more glass — why do you find it so difficult to write these days?'

He finally came back to London and is now writing furiously in a small dark smelly flat whose chief (indeed only) advantage is that it doesn't have a guest room. Or a guest bean bag. Or even a rope, such as the one used in the Twopenny Lean-overs in Victorian times — the bums would pay twopenny, and lean over the rope all night, and in the morning all the establishment had to do was untie the rope and they all fell on to the floor and were kicked outside.

But, alas, no one has invented the twentieth century equivalent of the Twopenny Lean-over for hard-pressed hostesses; and I am beginning to think that travel agents, when they give people their tickets and all that warning stuff about malaria and not carrying aerosol cans and insurance, should also give out a Guest Code.

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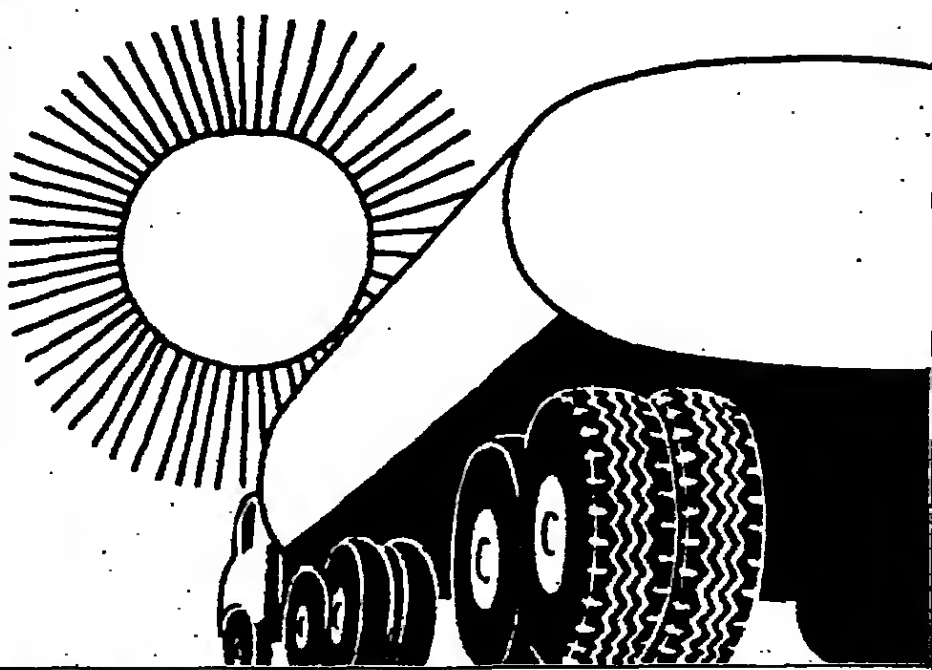
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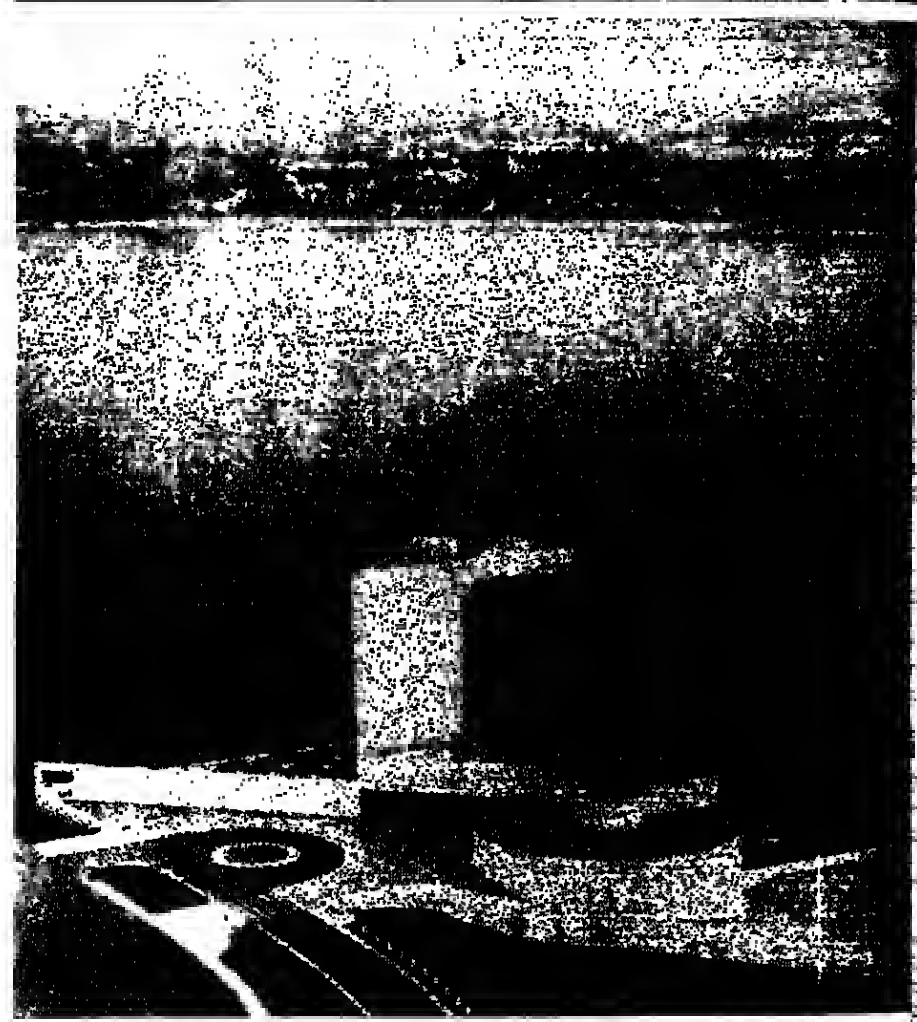


Rhodesians undergo training in preparation for the unification of the armed forces.

Paul McCartney holds his nine-month-old son at Heathrow after they turned up too late for the Concorde flight to New York.



Delicately balanced on two bucking dolphins, a Californian rides the waves for an audience in Florida.



An aerial view of the new John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

Thanks to Yul Brynner 11-year-old Richard Chai, a Vietnamese refugee, was able to pay his board at school and continue his education.



The latest addition to the San Francisco skyline is a sculpture of a World War I Sopwith Camel biplane. The replica, done by Tyler Hoare, is at the city's new Embarcadero Center.



Carlos Ortiz de Rosa, the ambassador of the Argentine Republic, leaves his embassy for an audience with the Queen.

In Basque home-rule elections

Nationalists emerge victors

LEON SEBASTIAN, Spain, March 10 (R) — Basque Nationalists Monday emerged as winners in elections for their troubled region's first home-rule parliament, delivering a sharp rebuff to the Madrid Central Government.

With most of the votes counted from Sunday's election in the three Spanish Basque provinces, the moderate Basque Nationalist Party was set to win 25 of the new autonomous assembly's 60 seats, according to provincial results.

Two other radical nationalist parties close to the Basque Separatist Organization won a projected total of 17 seats. But Spain's ruling Union of the Democratic Center slumped to a humiliating defeat with only six.

The poor UCD showing was the second major political setback for the central governing party in less than two weeks. On Feb. 28, voters in southern Andalusia ignored UCD advice and plumped for a rapid switch to home rule, although they failed to muster the required absolute majority in a referendum.

Political analysts said Sunday's Basque rebuff augured badly for the UCD's chances in the March 20 elections for a home-rule parliament in Catalonia province.

Twenty eight people have been killed in the region this year, 18 of them by the guerrilla group ETA in a continuing fight for an independent Marxist Basque state.

There has been a recent lull in the killing, and political sources said ETA was biding its time so as not to prejudice the chances of the pro-independence coalition Herri Batasuna (Union of the People) in Monday's election.

No incidents were reported in the early hours of polling which began lightly as driving rain swept across the three Basque provinces of Vizcaya, Guipuzcoa and Alava. Officials predicted a heavier turnout as the day wore on.

Among the first to brave the wintry weather was 83-year old Jesus Maria de Leizaola who returned to Spain from France three months ago after heading a Basque government in exile during the Franco dictatorship.

Leizaola, a candidate of the PNV, told reporters, "This is an historic day for Euzkadi (the Basque country), a day in which the Basque people will decide on their immediate future."

The elections are expected to confirm the PNV as the biggest party in the region in general elections a year ago, it won 27 per cent of the vote.

But disaffection among Basques with the pace of devolution on powers from Madrid could damage the standing of the two major national parties, the ruling Union of the Democratic Center and the Opposition Workers Socialist Party.

The UCD won 17 per cent of the Basque vote last year and the PSOE 19 per cent. The elections will also test the strength of Herri Batasuna which, since capturing 15 per cent of the vote last year, has been split by internal dissension.

A fallout in support for Herri Batasuna would probably favor the other main Basque party, Euzkadiko Ezkerra (the Basque left) which has campaigned strongly for the radical nationalist vote.

The first significant results are expected in the early hours of Monday.

Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez followed the Basque results closely from Madrid amid growing speculation that he might be considering cabinet changes to make room for moderate Basque and Catalan ministers.

24 killed in Manila

Grenades rip movie theaters

MANILA, Philippines, March 10 (AP) — At least 24 persons were killed and about 240 injured Sunday when urban terrorists threw grenades inside two southern Philippine cinemas and a town plaza, the official Philippine News Agency reported.

The attacks were the latest in a series of bombings on Mindanao, the Philippines' second largest island, during the last two months. They were the first in the generally peaceful areas of Iligan City.

Iligan is a Christian enclave in the heavily Muslim north-central Mindanao area, just south of Muslim Marawi City.

NA said Ozamis Mayor Jesus Sanciango reported that the explosions in the two theaters were almost simultaneous at about 2 p.m. A grenade planted in a third movie theater, the Mabuhay, did not explode.

The agency said witnesses reported the film grenades were thrown from the balconies of the two theaters into the orchestra below. Moviegoers fled in panic after the explosions, they said.

NA said most of the victims were students from colleges and universities, but that adults and children also were killed and injured.

NA correspondent Ralph Tapere reported from Iligan that the attack on the amateur singing contest occurred about five hours after the Ozamis City explosions.

He said five fragmentation-type grenades went off at the same time and that two grenades thrown at the Iligan City police headquarters did not explode. "Authorities said the situation was under control in both cities."

Col. Jose Ore, police station commander in Iligan City, said 117 persons were taken to seven hospitals for treatment of shrapnel wounds.

Mayor Cjnilio Cabili told PNA the attack was thought to be timed to make an impact on a meeting of the Islamic conference of foreign ministers planned in Islamabad, Pakistan.

The Philippines is 95 per cent Christian, but the six million Muslims are concentrated in the Mindanao area and islands to the southwest.

Recent grenade attacks have occurred at the police station in Davao City, eastern Mindanao, in the city center of Mati, at Okmamear Knao, and in department stores in western Mindanao port City of Zamboanga.

On Friday, at least 13 lumberjacks and security men were killed or wounded in band-grenade and rifle attack on a logging convoy north of Zamboanga City.

NA correspondent Ralph Tapere

Salvador gets new member in ruling military junta

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, March 10 (AP) — The Christian Democratic Party elected its leader, Jose Napoleon Duarte, to the vacant seat on El Salvador's ruling military-civilian junta.

Duarte, chosen Sunday after a day-long session of some 200 party members, is a moderate with perhaps the largest following of any party member. He is a former Fernando Chavez Mendez in the fight to replace Hector Hirezzi Dada, who was ousted from the junta last Monday because of unspecified policy disagreements.

Meanwhile, another death was reported in the Central American nation's undeclared civil war between rightist and leftist factions.

Alfonso Ramos, a leader of the Leftist War Action Front and an organizer of the National Coalition, was found bludgeoned to death in a car in San Salvador. Police said he

was killed with a baseball bat which was found in the car. No group has claimed responsibility for the slaying.

Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of El Salvador, said in his weekly homily Sunday that the junta's decision last week to divide 376 large estates among landless peasants and nationalize private banks were steps in the right direction. But he warned that the reforms could not be effective until the military stopped killing farm workers.

The archbishop said 70 people died in political violence last week, and most of them were "innocent people." He said 600 persons died in the continuing leftist-rightist violence in January and February and alleged that most of them were innocent farm workers gunned down by the military.

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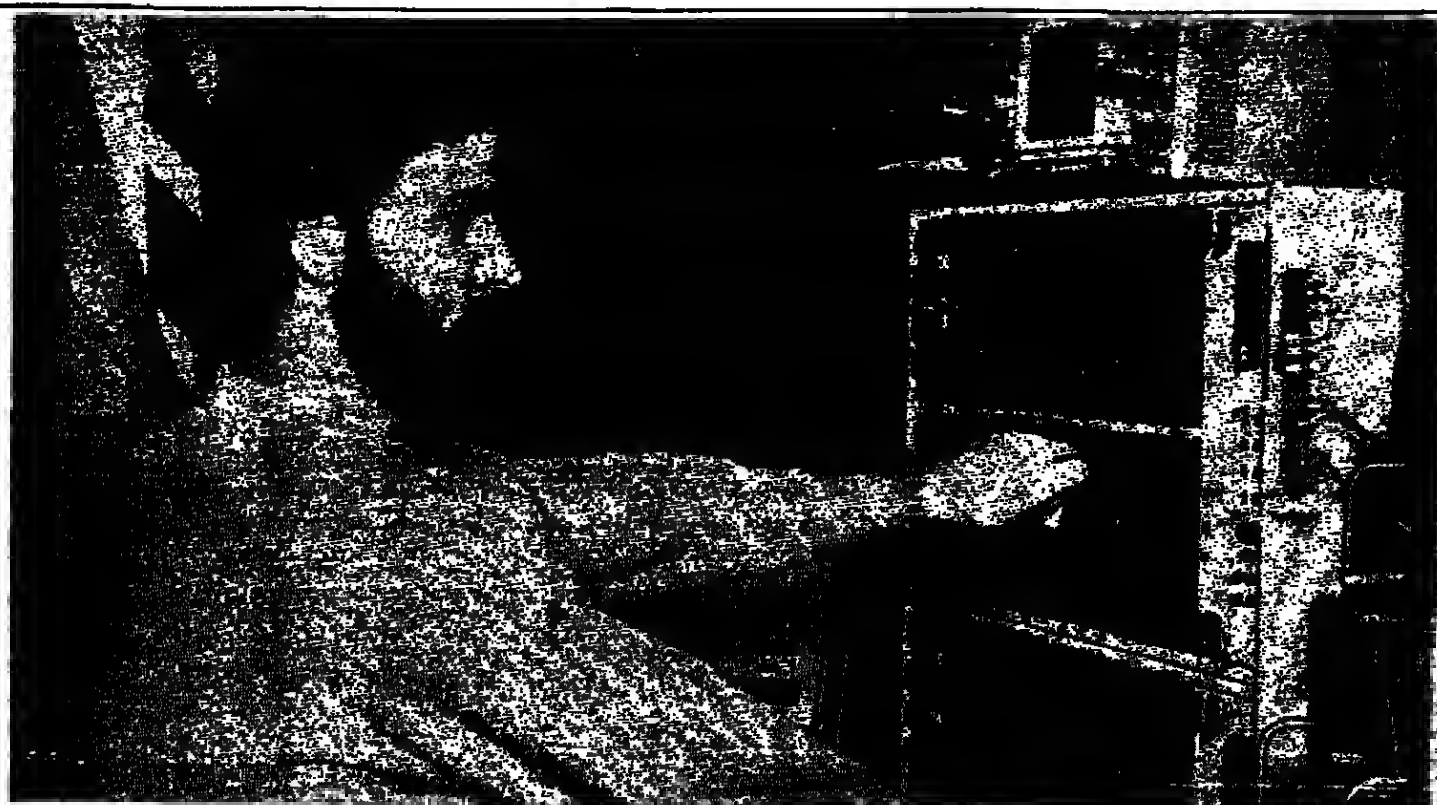
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DIALING FOR DOLLARS: Success is ringing in the ears of one of Canada's largest telephone companies after a financial breakthrough with the South Korean government. They have just won a large equipment contract expected to be worth \$90 million. The sales package includes Northern Telecom's new advanced DE-4 channel bank, a technically sophisticated system, designed by Bell Northern Research, that enables a company to link switches to digital transmissions systems.

Vice Premier Li Xiannian says

New Chinese policy retires aging leaders

PEKING, March 10 (AP) — One of China's aging leaders, Vice Premier Li Xiannian, said Monday that Communist Party posts no longer will be held for life, in order to "give opportunity to younger people."

Li, 75, said the decision to amend the constitution accordingly was made at the recent Central Committee meeting.

Li, who is one of four party vice chairmen, reportedly made the comments during talks with Pennsylvania Governor Richard Thornburgh.

Li also explained the recent rehabilitation of the late, disgraced Chief of State Liu Shao-chi as a step to seek "truth from facts."

He said late party chairman Mao Tse-tung "bad wrong information" about Liu, whose pragmatic economic policies earned Mao's

enmity.

"Liu made great contributions to the Communist Party," said Li, "and this is what we call a wronged case. Of course, it had something to do with the late chairman (Mao) because he had wrong information about it (the case) himself."

Li said the rehabilitation restores "Mao's own thought to seek truth from facts."

The comment is the latest move to reduce Mao to fallibility.

"Seek truth from facts" is a slogan, of Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping, also an old enemy of Mao.

In other matters Li said China has begun experiments in nuclear energy but "this is not on the agenda yet."

Li reportedly made the comment to Thornburgh, and complimented him on his handling of the Three-Mile Island nuclear accident in his state on March 28, 1979. "I think you handled the whole thing very nicely," he said.

The conversation, later was reported by a member of the Pennsylvania delegation.

In response to a question from Thornburgh, Li said, "we have oil that has not been explored and a lot of hydroelectric power, so we are not in a position to develop nuclear energy at the moment."

The vice premier added that Three-Mile Island "not only raised some confusion in the minds of the American people, some of our European friends told me they had a serious debate on the future of nuclear energy."

Shipping heiress divorces Soviet husband

LONDON, March 10 (R) — A British newspaper Monday reported that Greek shipping millionairess Christina Onassis has divorced her Soviet husband, Sergei Kauzov.

"We were divorced two weeks ago here in Switzerland," the *Daily Express* quoted her as telling one of its reporters in an exclusive

interview in St. Moritz.

The couple married in Moscow in August 1978 and last December Christina's Athens lawyer said she planned to file for divorce because of irreconcilable differences.

The newspaper said that Christina, 28, staying in her villa near St. Moritz, said that the separation agreement was amicably arranged and her ex-husband received a ship.

Sbe inherited a vast shipping empire from her father, Aristotle Onassis, and her marriage to Kauzov, 38, a former official of the Soviet Sovfrakht shipping agency, made headlines around the world.

Gandhi suggests ways to counter high oil prices

NEW DELHI, March 10 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said Monday that poor Asian countries should turn rising prices for petroleum-based synthetic products to their advantage by promoting their own goods, including natural fibers.

"Countries in this region should take full advantage of the beneficial fallout from the increase in the prices of petroleum, which could cause a spurt in demand for natural rubber, jute, cotton and other fibers," Gandhi told the opening session of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization regional meeting.

Some underdeveloped nations were rich in oil resources while others had extensive stocks of food reserves, she pointed out. To cut back the oil import bill, Mrs. Gandhi urged the poor to recycle of waste products as an energy alternative.

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In his speech to leading national party supporters he challenged, "If you don't want your party then choose another — but do it while you are united."

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U.S. searches backward to ease energy squeeze

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10 (AP) — The United States is inching toward taking a giant step backward, returning to 50-year-old technology to help ease the energy squeeze of the 1980s.

The technology in question is energy "cogeneration," in which electricity is generated by "fuel" that would otherwise be wasted — industrial steam that spews into the air or wood chips and trash that can be burned to create more steam.

The steam can then be channeled into turning power-generating turbines.

The net effect is almost a doubling in fuel efficiency, from a level of 35 per cent to 40 per cent in a normal plant to 75 per cent to 80 per cent with cogeneration. By getting double duty from fuel, half as much is needed.

It's all part of the trend to alternate power sources such as solar and wind power, and experts say cogeneration promises a drastic reduction in U.S. dependence on imported oil and nuclear power.

"It is the immediately available energy alternative to coal and nuclear plants," says Jim Harding of the environmental group, Friends of the Earth.

"It will be energy at bargain prices, compared to building big new power plants," says Bob Burt of the California Manufacturers Association.

There is a 6,000 megawatt potential in cogeneration in California alone — the equivalent of six 1,000-megawatt nuclear plants," says Claire Dedrick, a member of the State Public Utilities Commission.

Cogeneration is not some new trend being touted only by "California-type" conservationists. The huge Dow Chemical Company has taken to cogeneration in a big way, according to Andy Hoch, manager of Dow's plant in Pittsburg, about 64 kilometers east of San Francisco.

"In all our Dow sites we have gone to cogeneration," he said. "It doubles our efficiency and cuts our costs. You end up using half the fuel."

The Pittsburg plant has been self-sufficient in electricity and steam used in processing

since the cogeneration system was completed in 1977 for about \$12 million, Hoch said.

In the 1930s, U.S. industry got 25 per cent of its electricity from cogeneration. Now cogeneration provides only 4 per cent of the country's generating capacity.

Observers say that starting 50 years ago, utilities turned from cogeneration to the "economy of scale," favoring the construction of ever bigger power plants because that was cheaper — until the prices of oil and natural gas skyrocketed.

"It's an idea whose time has come back," says the Fuc'a Dedrick, a major supporter of cogeneration.

"If taken to its logical conclusion, cogeneration can make this country self-sufficient in energy — if included with municipal waste use and renewal fuel such as wood and alcohol.

"It has a number of environmental and economic advantages," Dedrick adds. "It is relatively inexpensive, a conventional technology. Cogeneration plants can be on-line in three to five years, as opposed to 10 years for a large nuclear or coal-fired power plant.

Meanwhile, a dramatic increase recorded in gasoline supplies in the United States could mean an end to the gasoline shortage — and to soaring gas prices, oil analyst Dan Lundberg said Sunday.

Lundberg, whose weekly Lundberg Letter surveys trends in the petroleum industry, says gasoline stocks are at near record levels and refiners are releasing more gas to the public this month than they have since last November.

At the same time, public consumption continues to decline. American motorists bought 11 per cent less gasoline in the last three months than they did during the same period last year, Lundberg said.

"Unless people now start buying more gasoline than they have been at current prices, there could be a surplus of publicly available gasoline in March in the nation as a whole," he said. "It's a 180-degree turnaround that few oil company executives foresaw."



HARD TO SWALLOW: The first complete fuselage of a British Aerospace One-Eleven was recently loaded for its "maiden flight" to Romania. Thought to be the heaviest single load ever carried by air, the six-ton fuselage was loaded on board the Super Guppy with only inches to spare. The aircraft will be completed in Bucharest as part of a production agreement between Britain and Romania.

Miscalculates currency rise

Rolls-Royce loses \$230 million in U.S.

LONDON, March 10 (AP) — Rolls-Royce has lost some 100 million pounds (\$230 million) in the past year on U.S. contracts negotiated without allowing for the rise in the British pound, most major British newspapers reported Monday.

The reports said an equally staggering loss — blamed mainly on strikes and falling sales — has been made by the auto giant British Leyland, which, like Rolls-Royce, is state-owned.

Neither corporation has yet officially announced its latest accounts, due to be published later this month.

The losses by Rolls-Royce on its aero engine sales to Boeing and Lockheed are expected to cause a major row in the British legislature.

The deals — denominated in dollars — were negotiated in a haze of publicity last

year by Sir Kenneth Keith, then chairman.

The exchange rate for the pound was then \$1.80 and Rolls-Royce reportedly calculated it would fall to \$1.65.

The pound is now worth around \$2.30. In what one newspaper, *The Guardian*, described as a "gross miscalculation," Rolls-Royce did not cover itself for any upturn in the rate of sterling.

The new Rolls-Royce chairman, Sir Frank McFadzean, has now reportedly ordered a review of the way Rolls-Royce covers its foreign exchange contracts.

Rolls-Royce made a 16 million pounds (\$36.8 million) profit in 1978.

British Leyland has persuaded unions to accept a recovery plan involving cutting 25,000 jobs this year, and the closure or partial closure of 15 plants.

Its latest losses, also expected at around 100 million pounds (\$230 million), will probably lead to management trying to speed up the redundancies.

Meanwhile, auto trade statistics released Monday showed that more and more Britons buy foreign cars.

Statistics by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders showed imports claimed 57.7 per cent of the British market last month, compared with 52 per cent in February 1979.

Leyland, whose market share slumped to a record 15 per cent low in January, recovered slightly to nearly 17 per cent.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Monday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.46	7.45	7.43
Deutsche Mark (100)	187.00	187.00	185.80
Swiss F (100)	195.00	196.00	194.00
French F (100)	80.00	80.00	79.60
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	40.00	40.20
Lebanese Lira (100)		100.50	100.00
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	85.90
Egyptian Pound		4.45	4.45
Kuwait Dinar		12.16	12.16
Jordanian Dinar		11.25	11.18
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.50	89.50
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.20	91.20
Bahraini Dinar		8.86	8.86
Iranian Riyal (100)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		10.50	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		74.10	73.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)		84.00	89.30
Indian Rupee (100)		—	41.30
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.00
Gold kg.		66,000.00	—
10 Tolas bar		7,750.00	—
Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	3.60	—	13.60
Canadian Dollar	2.90	3.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	115.00	117.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	170.00	172.00	170.00
Spanish Peso		50.50	51.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)		80.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)		—	46.00
Singapore		—	1.55

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Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival Date
4	Wakura Maru	Allreza	Tyre/General	9/3/80
5	Fahad	Sadaka	Durrah	9/3/80
6	Anangel peace	Ori	Bagd. Barley	4/3/80
7	Gederaf	A.E.T.	Durrah	4/3/80
8	Scapwell	S.C.S.A.	Bagd. Grain	5/3/80
9	Winchester universal	Star	Reefer	8/3/80
10	Yantra Nikolas	Ori	Bagd. Barley	22/2/80
11	Demetrios 'C'	O.C.E.	Reefer	7/3/80
12	Atsaiya	M.T.A.	Timber	9/3/80
15	Wild Avocet	O.C.E.	Reefer	23/2/80
16	Muncaster Castla	A.E.T.	Contra./Loading	9/3/80
18	Odyseus	Rolaco	Empty Containers	2/3/80
19	Grena	Alasbah	Bulk Cement	3/3/80
20	Union Caribbean	O.C.E.	Contra./Steel Pipes	6/3/80
21	Agelos Prostatas	A.A.	Bagd. Cement	8/3/80
22	Dalia I	Rolaco	Bagd. Cement	6/3/80
23	Albyon	Barnadash	Bagd. Cement	9/3/80
24	Atlantic Freezer	A.E.T.	Reefer	3/3/80
25	Al Riyadh	O.Trade	Tiles/Guard Rails	6/3/80
26	Ell 2	Alasbah	General	2/3/80
27	Sky Reefer	El Hawi	Reefer	9/3/80
30	Angrades	Barber	Timber	9/3/80
35	Chai Varas	A.E.T.	Containers	9/3/80
38	Eugenia V	El Hawi	Timber	9/3/80
39	Madrone	A.A.	Bagd. Barley	6/3/80
40	OAK (barges)	Kanon	Flour	6/3/80
41	Almut Bornhoffen	Redes	Contra./Gen./Pipes	5/3/80
42	Charity	Alpha	Bagd. Barley	9/3/80
Ro Ro	Merzario Arcadia	A.E.T.	Contra./Ro Ro	8/3/80
13	Express	O.Trade	Timber-Greede	9/3/80

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VESSELS DISCHARGING

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2	Grand Union	Ori	Barnes	9/3/80
17	Tai Tung	SEA	General	8/3/80
11	Mahabharat	SEA	General	7/3/80
21	Itai Jade (D.S.)	Allreza	Bulk Cement	10/3/80
32	Barber Tonsberg	Barber	Ro-Ro/Gen.	9/3/80
3	Nefeli	Gosabi	Timber	9/3/80
36	Peara Flag	SMC	Cement silo Vessel	14/3/80
38	New Bright	Gosabi	Cement in Bags	7/3/80

Iraq advises new energy preparation

BAGHDAD, March 10 (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein advised Arab states to prepare for the time when new energy sources would reduce the world's dependence on oil.

The Iraqi News Agency quoted the president as saying: "Unless the Arab nation builds a powerful structure over the next 20 years, it will be fated to wait for hundreds of years until a new opportunity opens for it."

"In 20 years from now, the world will turn to a new substitute for oil, and the value of oil, even that which remains in the fields, will be close to that of coal as compared to oil prices."

Kuwait denies oil premium demand

KUWAIT, March 10 (AP) — Oil minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah denied Sunday that Kuwait was demanding a premium of \$10 per barrel of Kuwaiti crude oil sold directly to Japanese importers.

The Sheikh was reacting to a report distributed by Japan's Kyodo news agency, which claimed that Kuwait was demanding a premium above the current price of its crude oil — \$27.50 a barrel.

He also denied the same agency's allegation that negotiations between Kuwait and

now," he told Arab labor ministers attending a conference in Baghdad.

The Iraqi leader also deplored the gap between rich and poor in the Arab states.

"It is a flagrant contradiction in the Arab nation that there should be those who are hungry to the point of readiness to seize a morsel with a knife and those who are overfed and find no place to put their surplus funds," he said.

"Such a contradiction can be exploited by the enemy to divide the Arabs and use them against each other," he said.

Japanese oil importers have been suspended as a result of their refusal of the reported premium demand.

He said that representatives of Japanese companies were in Kuwait Sunday and that more representatives were to arrive next week to discuss new contracts.

Sheikh Ali said that five-year contracts had been replaced with three-year contracts and all contracts not exceeding six months have been cancelled, with quantities of crude oil involved treated as spot market sales.

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Carter officials continue work on budget trim

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP) — The U.S. administration continued feverish efforts Sunday to fashion a new anti-inflation strategy amid indications that some details may still be missing when the president announces the new program.

Treasury Secretary G. William Miller and Charles E. Schultze, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, met with key Congressional leaders again Sunday to try to get their agreement on the president's plan an, administration source said.

But the source, who asked not to be identified, said it is unlikely that the package will be complete in all its details by the time the president announces it, sometime late this week.

The source said the difficulty is in trying to get agreement on sufficient reduction in planned 1981 spending to bring the budget into balance. President Jimmy Carter's original 1981 budget, unveiled Jan. 28, left a deficit of \$15.8 billion.

The source said there is widespread agreement on the need for a balanced budget but differences over where cuts should be made.

In addition to a balanced budget, Carter now is expected to announce some controls on consumer credit and some new initiative to conserve energy.

Carter is unlikely to wait until all details of the package are worked out, the source said, because the administration feels he has to say something this week to reassure financial markets that the administration intends to take firm action to contain the nation's worsening inflation rate.

In addition, Carter is being pressed by his political opponents on the issue of the economy, especially inflation.

U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Carter's chief rival for the Democratic nomination for president, said Sunday on the CBS program "Face the Nation" that the economy is now "emerging as a potential dynamic issue" in the campaign.

He repeated his call for a six-month wage and price freeze, which he said could reduce inflation by about two-thirds in a short time.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Education	Building for chemical analyses at the Archaeological House in Riyadh	12/M	2500	April 5
Governorate of Qassim District	Operation and maintenance of the governorate's lifts in Buraidah	2	50	March 18
Directorate General of Education, Eastern Province	Cleaning of the directorate's building	32	30	March 24
Municipality of Buraidah	Supply and laying of 250,000 of flat meters of hot asphalt	25	50	April
University of Petroleum and Minerals, Dhahran	Supply of furniture and bed linen for the teachers hostel	39/	600	March 30
Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Extensions in water projects (group G-1) in Al-Ahsa	40/8	600	March 12
" " "	Extensions to water projects (group W-2) in Al-Qubailah	41/8	700	March 15
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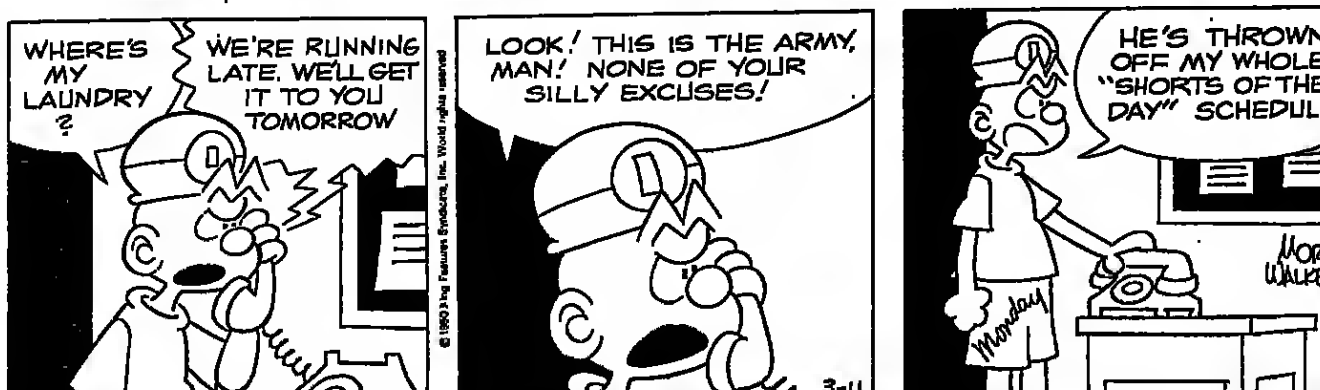
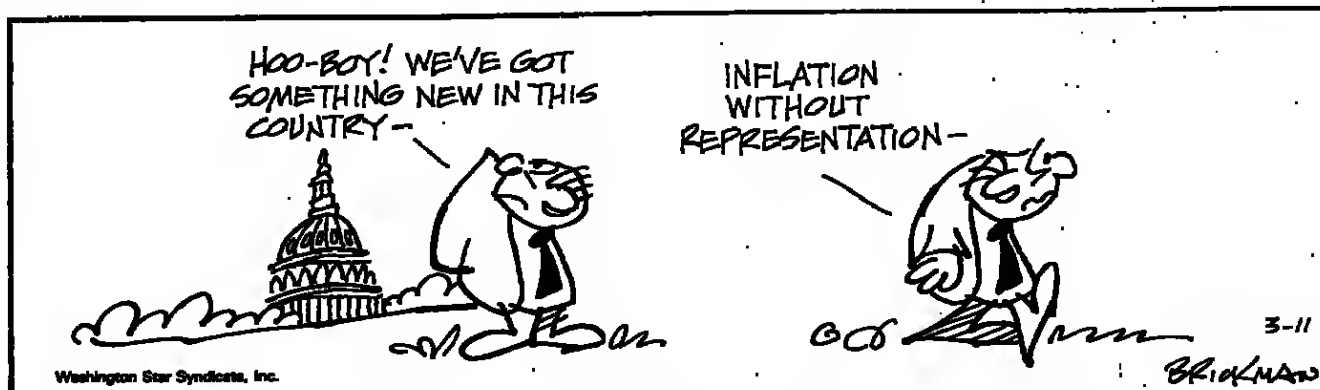
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5 Cruise ship

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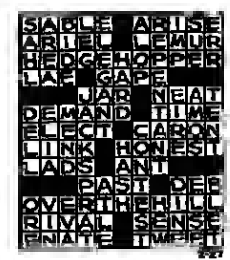
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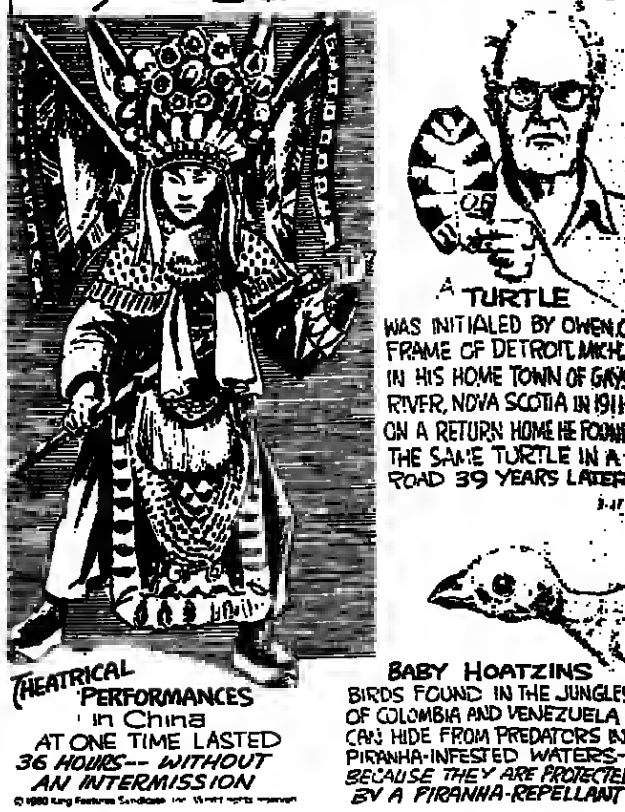
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PRAYER TIMES

Tuesday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:21	6:39	12:39	4:01	6:32	8:02
Medina	5:23	6:36	12:40	4:04	6:32	8:02
Nejd	4:51	5:10	12:08	3:31	6:01	7:31

DHAHRAN TV

4:30	Children's Show	Sesame Street
5:38	Young Peoples Special	Adventures of Pickle and Bill
6:01	Sanford and Son	403
6:37	Safety Film	Safety Rider
7:26	Flying High	Eye Opener
8:24	Voyages of Charles Darwin	Episode 5
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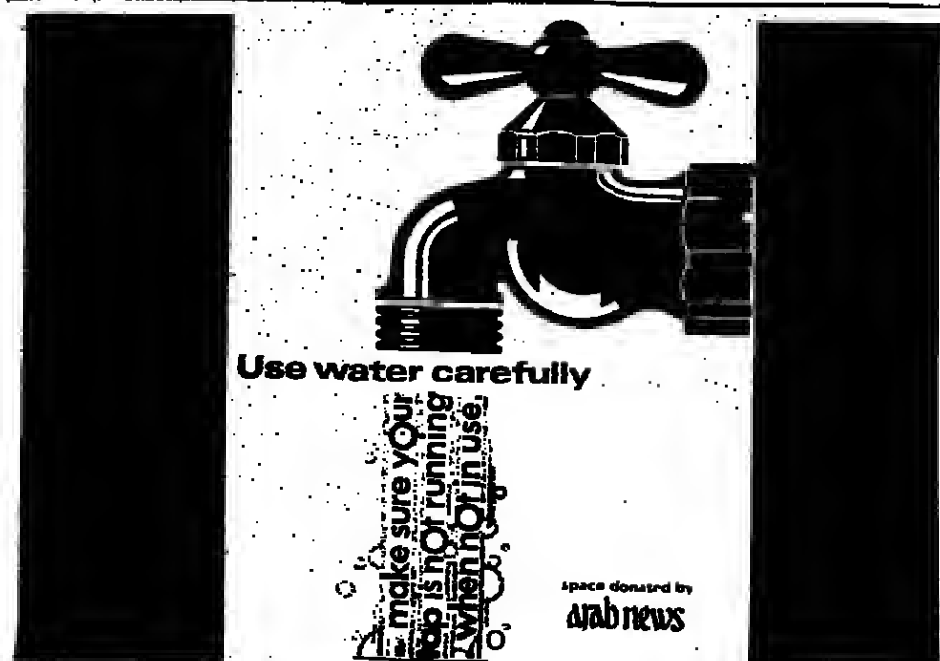
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2:10 Light Music	9:10 Light Music
2:20 On Islamic	9:15 Bouquet
2:30 Radio Magazine	9:45 Reflections of a Muslim
3:00 NEWS	10:00 Islamic Contributions
3:10 Press Review	10:10 Music
3:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
3:20 World of Machines	10:25 S.A.—A Daily Chronicle
3:30 A Selection of Music	10:30 The Evening Show
3:40 —	11:00 The World of the Guitar
3:50 Closedown	11:10 Music
	11:15 In the Quiet
	11:45 On Islam
	12:00 Concert Choice
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	01:00 Closedown

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	10:30 VOC Magazine
Reports : Actualities :	America : Letter
Opinion : Analyses	Cultural : Letter
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English : News
News Summary	11:30 Music U.S. : (Jazz)
9:00 Special English :	VOA WORLD REPORT
News; Feature. The	
Making of a Nation	
News Summary	Midnight
9:30 Music USA :	12:00 News newsmakers'
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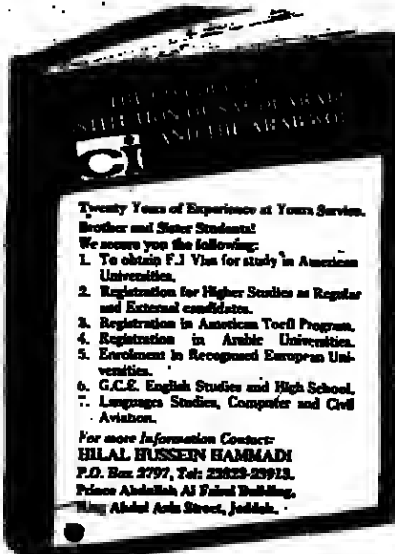
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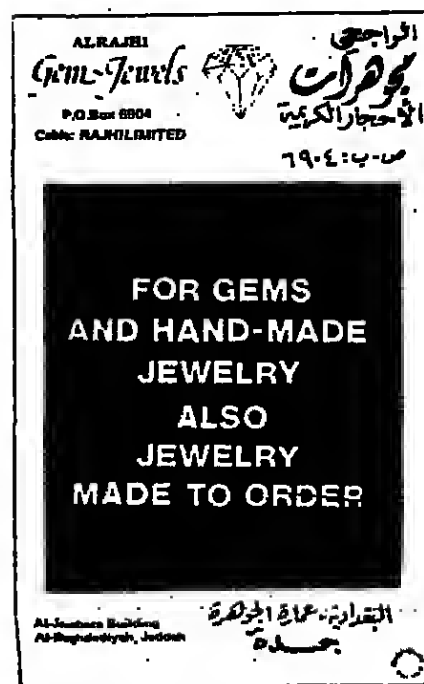


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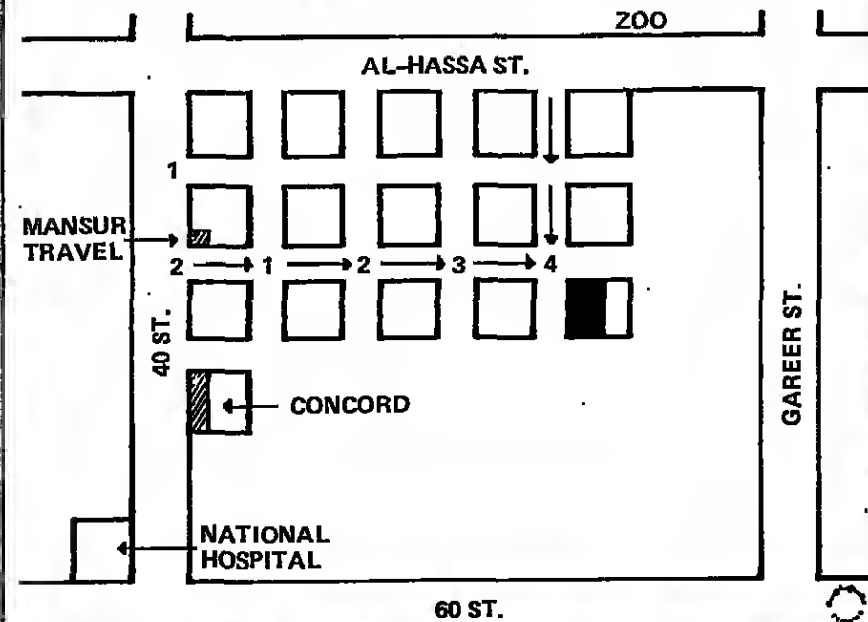
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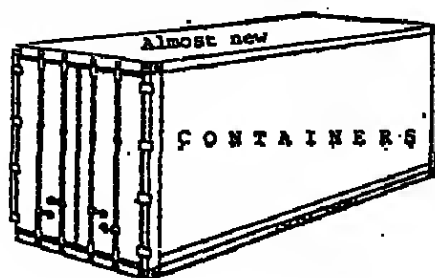
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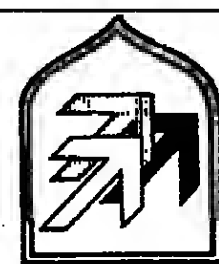
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International

Khomeini okays visits to hostages

Says U.N. team can query those accused of crimes against Iran

TEHRAN, March 10 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini said Monday the U.N. commission can question U.S. embassy hostages involved in crimes against Iran, but the panel can not see all the captives unless it issues its report in Tehran, the state radio said. "We shall fight against the U.S. government to the end of our life," Khomeini said.

His statement appeared to repudiate the decision by the ruling Revolutionary Council, its chief, President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, and Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh that the militants holding the approximately 50 hostages for 128 days allow the panel to meet all the hostages or hand them over to government custody.

Khomeini's statement also ordered the embassy militants "to deliver copies of all documents concerning the U.S. intervention and the traitor Shah" to the U.N. commission. The statement was issued after 10 members of the council met with him in hopes of resolving the deadlock with the militants.

"The panel can meet with those hostages involved in the crimes of the U.S. and the Shah for questioning," Iran's 79-year-old revolutionary leader said. "If the panel issues its report on the crimes of the former Shah and interventions of the invading U.S. in Tehran it will be allowed to see all the hostages."

Khomeini concluded by saying, "I express my support for the Revolutionary Council and the honorable president and ask all the nation to help and support them." There was no immediate comment from Bani-Sadr.

The students quickly declared that proposals to turn the hostages over to Iranian government control were dead.

But Ghotbzadeh, interviewed by the American Broadcasting Company in Tehran, called Khomeini's ruling a positive development. He said he hoped the U.N. panel would stay in Tehran for two or three more days to meet with several of the hostages, as Khomeini outlined, then issue a "declaration, not a report" of its findings so it could then meet with the rest of the captives. Asked when the hostages might be freed, he reiterated, "This

is a concern of the parliament," which won't be in a position to discuss the issue until May.

The militants announced Thursday they were ready to turn the captives they seized Nov. 4 over to the council. Ghotbzadeh said Friday the transfer and a visit to them by the U.N. commission probably would take place Saturday. But the militants balked, saying Ghotbzadeh lied when he said he had the backing of Khomeini.

The Revolutionary Council again demanded the militants surrender the hostages and allow the U.N. commission to see them. The militants agreed to a transfer Sunday, then balked again and set forth their new conditions.

Ghotbzadeh said the militants' demand for a radio broadcast was aimed at attracting a crowd to the embassy so they could claim they had the support of the people.

He also suggested the hostages weren't in good condition since the militants had not invited any member of the Revolutionary Council to visit them. He said if the militants wanted to prove the captives were all right, they should permit the U.N. investigating commission to see them.

Those responsible for running the country had made a "clearcut agreement" that the U.N. commission could see the Americans and then we back out on our promise," he said. "Isn't this reason enough for us to be ashamed and embarrassed. Who in the world will consider our words and the words of our government worth a penny? How many governments do we have in this country?"

The commission arrived in Tehran Feb. 23 to investigate the revolutionary regime's charges of mass murder and plunder against the Shah and to try to ease the crisis between the United States and Iran over the hostages.

The administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter hoped the commission's visit would result in the release of the Americans. But after the panel got there, Khomeini said the hostages' fate would be decided by Iran's new parliament, which won't be fully elected until April 3, and the secretary-general of the Revolutionary Council said no decision could be made until mid-May.

\$50,000 foreign income exclusion proposed

U.S. mulls big tax breaks for overseas workers

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 10 — Several bills designed to overhaul the existing tax law applied to Americans working overseas have been introduced in the U.S. Congress.

The bills, which are now before both the House of Representatives and the Senate, would either liberalize the rules on or exempt foreign income from U.S. taxes. They also simplify or repeal the section of the tax on excessive overseas living costs.

One bill introduced by Senator John H. Chafee of Rhode Island has been referred to the Senate finance committee, and a committee spokesman said hearings on the bill will be scheduled in a few weeks.

Chafee's legislation, which is backed by several American construction industry groups and seems to have the strongest chance of passage, calls for a \$50,000 off-the-top income exclusion for all Americans working overseas.

This exclusion would increase to \$65,000 after an American worker was overseas for two consecutive years.

Three bills introduced in the House of Representatives call for exempting all foreign

income from U.S. taxes. While several major American exporters favor this proposal, they also believe that it is "unrealistic" to think that Congress will take this approach.

A fourth tax reform bill just introduced in the House would make a \$20,000 tax exclusion available to all Americans working overseas. That bill would basically put Americans back on the same footing they had before 1976, when American taxpayers overseas could claim a \$20,000 taxable income exclusion. But some export analysts now argue that overseas salaries have doubled or tripled since the 1950's when the first tax bill was passed, and a \$20,000 exclusion is not enough.

American exporters, especially the U.S. construction industry whose success overseas has been hit hard by the stricter tax laws of the 1970s, are greeting the reform action in Congress with cheers.

One spokesman said the new moves toward tax reform for Americans overseas signifies that legislators are finally "looking at the taxation of Americans under Section 911 as a trade issue, not a tax issue."

U.S. companies — particularly those operating in the Middle East have argued for



DECIDING FORCE: Ayatollah Khomeini waves to supporters in Tehran recently. Khomeini Monday apparently settled the dispute over the U.N. commission's visit to American hostages at the U.S. embassy. He decided the panel can see only those captives named in embassy papers relevant to the investigation of the former Shah.

Meanwhile, *Newsweek* magazine reported the United States is involved in a four-way deal aimed at meeting Bani-Sadr's conditions for the release of the hostages.

In its forthcoming issue, the American news magazine says it has been told by a reliable source that Bani-Sadr has given Khomeini "serious assurances" that the United States, Panama, Iran and the United Nations were all at work, aimed at satisfying Bani-Sadr's conditions for the release of the American hostages.

The conditions, reports *Newsweek*, include a "confession" of misdeeds from America and a promise not to interfere in Iran's internal affairs or its efforts to extradite the Shah, now in Panama, and recover his wealth.

Newsweek quoted a well-informed source in Tehran as saying that "it is not just one or two things at work... there are a number of deals." The magazine says it has been told that the hostages have been divided into groups by "criminality."

Gold dips to \$600; dollar firm

LONDON, March 10 (R) — The dollar was strong and gold slipped below \$600 an ounce Monday on world markets which were expecting the Carter Administration to take more action soon to curb America's high inflation.

The strength of the dollar came largely from record high interest rates in the United States at present. In the latest rise, on Friday, major banks pushed their prime lending rates to 17.75 per cent in an anti-inflation credit squeeze.

But with inflation running at an annual rate of around 18 per cent, measures are expected from President Jimmy Carter, who talked with his economic aides in the past two days. Some leaders also expect bank rates in America to go even higher.

The dollar traded in Europe Monday at around 1.8055 West German marks, compared with 1.7550 on Friday, and 1.7255 Swiss francs, compared with 1.7150. The pound sterling dropped to \$ 2.2183 from \$ 2.2277 on Friday.

There had been some intervention by European central banks which sold dollars to defend their own currencies. The Swiss authorities also "relaxed regulations on the holding of foreign deposits in Swiss banks but this had little effect on the market."

Dealers said the measures were aimed at stemming the flow of money out of Switzerland but one commented: "It's a bit like shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted."

The afternoon fixing of \$585 per ounce was down from \$602.00 at the morning fixing, and down from \$609 at Friday afternoon's fixing.

Doctors say Tito resisting further decline

BELGRADE, March 10 (AP) — President Josip Broz Tito's doctors said Monday there had been no further deterioration in his health during the past day.

His report came one day after the doctors reported Yugoslavia's 87-year-old president had fallen into very grave condition, with continuing heart weakness and increased bleeding.

"During the past day there have been no signs of deterioration of the general state of health of President Tito," the doctors said in an advisory report by Belgrade press officials.

"Indispensable measures of intensive treatment are being continued," the two-sentence bulletin said.

Tito developed kidney and heart problems in early February while recovering from the Jan. 20 amputation of his left leg because of a circulation problem.

His weekend deterioration ended what Yugoslav officials had called a nearly week-long stabilization in his declining health. Tito entered the Ljubljana Clinical Center in Slovenia on Jan. 12.

Tito has been kept alive by an artificial kidney machine since at least Feb. 22. Doctors have never disclosed details of the other intensive care measures being used.

Other medical sources familiar only with the brief official bulletins have speculated that Tito's bleeding problem could be related to anti-doping medication used in connection with the artificial kidney machine.

Doctors have not mentioned Tito's pneumonia since last Tuesday, when they said there were signs it was improving.

S. Africa rulers at odds over Mugabe win

JOHANNESBURG, March 10 (AP) — South Africa's National party may be on the verge of a serious split after 32 years of rule.

The confrontation between the "Verliges" or enlightened nationalists and "Verkrampes" or conservatives, was inevitable. But party insiders say Prime Minister P.W. Botha, the leader of the Verliges, was convinced by the Rhodesian election victory of Marxist Robert Mugabe that he must tackle the conservatives now. Mugabe's victory left South Africa surrounded by hostile black states.

The conservatives, led by Andries Treurnicht, have been growing increasingly unhappy about Botha's moves to dismantle apartheid. And Botha has had to slow the pace of reform because of the criticism from the right.

The crisis may climax at a cabinet meeting Tuesday morning in Cape Town when Botha was expected to order Treurnicht to withdraw his criticism of colored (mixed race) schoolboys playing rugby with whites. Should Treurnicht refuse he would be forced to resign.

Botha stung Treurnicht by saying, "The time has come for this country to realize that attitudes creating the impression that colored people are lepers must come to an end." Coloreds were a sensitive issue in this country because most of them were descendants of blacks and Afrikaners.

Party sources say the issue was carefully



Prime Minister Botha

chosen by Botha as one he could destroy Treurnicht with at the parliamentary caucus meeting expected to follow the cabinet meeting.

The sources say Treurnicht, as leader of the most populous province, the Transvaal, commands powerful support in the caucus. He might have had enough support to defeat the prime minister in a no-confidence vote on several other issues, the sources say.

But he has allowed himself to be manue-

vered into a confrontation he cannot win, the sources said. The party's policy has been that the government should not intervene in sporting matters, and thus Treurnicht has gone against party policy.

Ironically, Treurnicht and his supporters have repeatedly accused Botha in private of abandoning the party's policy on separation of the races.

Should Treurnicht challenge Botha in the party caucus and lose, which nationalist sources said was likely, then he was expected to leave the party to join the conservative Herstigte Nasionale party. Conceivably, Treurnicht could take as many as 45 members of parliament with him.

The party would still control parliament as it holds 134 of the 165 seats. But Botha's confidants say if the split occurs the prime minister will immediately call for a general election.

The issue would be Botha's claim that South Africa will be destroyed if it does not move to improve the lot of the black majority, including giving them some political power though not in a one-man, one-vote system.

The conservatives are pledged to the preservation of the white Afrikaners culture and its domination of the country. It would be argued that Mugabe's victory in Rhodesia was proof that accommodation of black demands amounts, to rule by black communists.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Americans, it is well known, will try to make money out of any situation. No sooner were the hostages held in Tehran than a whole range of products appeared on the market, ranging from Iranian flags (for public burning) to portraits of Iranian leaders done up as shooting targets. Now that the presidential races are on, appropriate goods have found their way to the country's shops so that everyone can share in the excitement and drama of the election campaigns. No need to read the papers or watch television to get your kicks. Just get a few friends around the table and play any one of the following board games.

The first one — and they appear mostly to be based on the principles of the well known game Monopoly — is called "Presidential Fever." This turns on such things as "Candidate-Credibility" and "Ideology," and to win you have to scrape through several obstacles such as "Insults to Minorities" and "Evasion of Taxes." Those who lose are condemned to keep on starting from scratch, over and over until they drop to sleep from sheer boredom.

Another one is called "Hi-Politics" — and it is unlikely to prove popular since it is accompanied by a set of instructions running into thirteen packed sheets. The actual campaigns would be over by the time you mastered them. So why not try.

The third game — "Lie, Cheat and Steal" — is no problem to play. It is even educational, for among the moves is one where you can see your opponent — but, and here is the education, you can't do this unless you have in hand \$125,000 in real money. Some say that this game comes nearest to the real spirit of the thing, and is therefore not recommended for children under 18.

Speaking of Monopoly — perhaps the most successful of the modern board games — I saw this joke in an American paper recently. It says that the game is being updated, with the revised edition having the property values tripled, the railroad shares shooting up, and with OPEC controlling the community chest.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awasat

Colombia vote expected to spur embassy talks

BOGOTA, March 10 (AP) — The pace of negotiations to free the diplomats held hostage by guerrillas at the Dominican Republic's embassy is expected to quicken now that the nation has successfully completed its municipal and national elections.

Police increased their guard at the occupied embassy and mounted strong patrols throughout this South American nation Sunday as thousands of Colombians voted in what Interior Minister German Zea Hernandez said "constituted a democratic reply to terrorism and violence."

The elections had been regarded as having little national significance, but that changed after leftist guerrillas seized the embassy during a reception on Feb. 27. More than 10 foreign diplomats, the ambassadors of Egypt, Israel, Haiti, Brazil, Uruguay, Switzerland, Mexico, and the United States are among the more than two dozen hostages who began their 12th day in captivity Monday.

President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala asked his people to vote as a demonstration of support for democracy and a rejection of terrorism. There were no immediate reports on the size of the turnout, but pre-election polls indicated only a quarter of the country's 13.7 million eligible voters would participate.

Political observers had said the government had delayed responding to guerrilla demands until after the elections because it feared any action would swing votes either to the small leftist parties or to the militant right wing factions.

Three rounds of talks so far — the latest last Friday — brought no apparent end to the stalemate. There was speculation the talks might resume Monday and informed sources said the guerrillas were growing impatient with the slow pace of bargaining so far.

The guerrillas, members of M-19 or Movement 19, are demanding the government release 311 comrades it claims were jailed as political prisoners. They also want a \$50 million ransom, international publication of their manifesto and safe conduct out of the country.

Sources have said there was progress in the earlier negotiations on a sharply reduced ransom and a plan for a safe conduct guarantee. But the sticking point remains the release of the imprisoned leftists.

The government has refused to release them, claiming they were jailed for common crimes and are not political prisoners. Under Colombian law, only the independent judiciary can free criminals.

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